

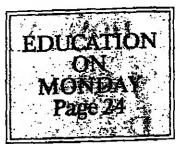
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Major and Cheney clash over Bosnia 'deadline'

■ The Security Council must now resolve Western differences on the deadline for enforcing the "no fly" zone in Bosnia. Britain and the US have agreed on the need for such a move

By Nicholas Wood and Martin Fletcher

JOHN Major and President Bush announced yesterday that Britain and America would work together on a United Nations resolution enforcing the "no-fly zone" in

However, Western policy on enforcing the "no-fly zone" over Bosnia was thrown into confusion after Mr Major and Dick Cheney, the United States defence secretary, contradicted each another about setting Serbia a 15-day dead-

line to cease all flights. After a weekend summit at Camp David, the prime minister told reporters on the White House lawn that he had had no discussions about a 15day deadline. With President Bush standing beside him, Mr Major said: "I saw those stories in the press about a 15day deadline. Certainly that was nothing we discussed this morning, nothing we dis-cussed over the weekend." Those reports had "no credi-

bility at the moment". Almost simultaneously Mr David on Saturday, was giving a television interviewer a conflicting version of the talks. He said: "What was being looked at would be a 15-day period of time, a final warning if you will, to the Bosnian Serbs that they have to stop flying those aircraft and must, in fact, comply with the resolu-tion, and after that period of time action will be taken to enforce the 'no-fly zone'."

The contradiction in the positions of the two main Nato partners reflected their profoundly different approaches to curbing Serbian aggression. It burst into the open despite efforts by Mr Major, Mr Bush and British officials to suggest they had settled their differences over the terms for enforcement of the "no-fly zone". The leaders warned Serbia that it risked isolation

for years to come.

Mr Major said that the safety of British troops guard-ing United Nations relief missions was of paramount importance. His insistence that the 15-day deadline had not even been raised stemmed from his fear that such an overtly hostile move would entage the Serbs and provoke bloody retaliation against the 2,700 British soldiers in Bosnia. The Serbs have already

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threatened British troops publicly. British officials would not even use the word "deadline", preferring the less provocative

Although President Bush went out of his way yesterday to acknowledge those anxieties and pay tribute to the peacekeepers, the administration, spurred on by Bill Clinton, the incoming president who wants to "turn up the heat" on the Serbs, is determined to get tough. The Americans fear that if the Serbs are allowed to go on violating the air-exclusion zone with impunity, they will be emboldened to spread the war to Kosovo and Macedonia, triggering war throughout the Balkans.

Despite their conflicting views on the mechanics of enforcing "the no-fly zone". the prime minister and the president did agree on the need for a resolution. The main options. Mr Cheney indicated, were constant air patrols over Bosnia or destroying on the ground any aircraft

A resolution setting Serbia a deadline — the timing of which is still in dispute - for ceasing flights over Bosnia is to be rushed through the security council in a few days, perhaps even before Christmas. Lawrence Eagleburger, the Secretary of State, predicted a vote within "a week or so at the longest. The resolution will carry an implicit threat of military action by the West to stop the Bosnian Serbs transporting troops and equipment by helicopter and light

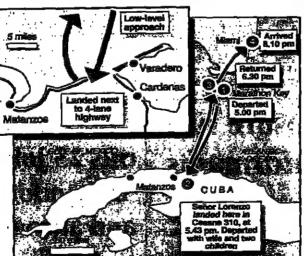
Mr Major's anxiety about the lightly armed 2,700 British troops in the vanguard of the UN humanitarian opera-tion in the war-ravaged former Yugoslav republic prompted President Bush to offer public reassurance about America's intentions, including the pledge that British lives were as important to him as American ones.

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CUBAN EXILE RETURNS ON A FLYING VISIT



Together again: Orestes Lorenzo Peres arrives back at an airport near Miami with his wife and two children



Pilot outwits Havana to pick up his family

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

A FORMER Cuban air force najor who defected to the United States in a stolen MIG-23 fighter plane last year, flew back to the island at the weekend, landed on a busy road and rescued his

The Cuban authorities had refused the pleas of Orestes Lorenzo Peres for his family to be allowed to join him. On

Cessna, Señor Lorenzo evaded Cuba's air defences by flying low over the Straits of Florida. He brought the plane down on the two-lane road running between Havana and the Varadero peninsula. "I they all had to stop." he said. His family jumped in and he took off for Florida.

Fate of Balkans held Sunday opening brings late Christmas cheer for shops by Yugoslav voters

Serbia's international isola-

tion. However no party advo-

cates the total cutting of support for Serbs in Bosnia

and Croatia. In the event of an

opposition victory disillusion

the results of Montenegro's

elections as they are a crucial

may soon set in.

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

SERBS and Montenegrins went to the polls yesterday in historic elections certain to determine the fate of the Balkans. Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic was facing a tough challenge from Serbian-American businessman Milan Panic for the presidency but straw polls in several areas indicated that support for Mr Milosevic was holding up well.

The international community has made it clear that if Mr Milosevic is re-lected then sanctions on rump Yugoslavia are certain to be tightened. But, rising to the challenge, Mr Milosevic has presented the race as a struggle for Serbian unity and independence as opposed to foreign subordination in the case of victory by Mr Panic and the

opposition.
Last night opposition par-ties were claiming widespread fraud and the leader of one of the largest parties warned that people would take to the streets to protest if they thought the election had

been rigged. Mr Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, has promised voters that only he and the opposition will be able to end

STORES throughout Britain were crammed with shoppers yesterday as businesses flouted

Business was marginally

Sunday trading laws to make the most of the last weekend before Christmas. Sales increased by as much as 20 per cent on last year.

Eve-of-election polls showed Mr Panic and Mr After the busiest shopping Milosevic running neck and neck. Hardline nationalists day of the year was spoilt for the West End of London by a led by Vojislav Seselj were also expected to do well bomb threat on Saturday. shoppers returned in their although last night Mr Seselj was reported to be undergo-ing surgery after suffering a thousands yesterday. Hamleys in Regent Street reported one of its busiest days yesterday after opening 20 minutes early to cope with the queues Serbs were also voting for a new parliament and for the outside. David Pearson, the Yugoslav assembly. All ob-servers were keenly awaiting retail manager, said: "We have been heaving with people. We suffered on Satur-

day, but people have been coming back." test of the pro-independence The Conran Shop, in Fulham Road, west London, took Whatever the result of yesmore money in six hours' tradterday's elections they will ing yesterday than during a normal ten-hour weekday. leave Serbia and Montenegro deeply and, many now pre-Geoff Marshall, the manager dict, dangerously polarised. Many voters said yesterday director of Conran Shops, said: "We have had to bring in that they feared civil war and many young opposition sup-porters said that victory by Mr Milosevic would spur extra staff, extra tills, extra goods and extra everything. We were very busy all day and just coped.

them to emigrate. Corruption claims, page 7

By Nicholas Watt yesterday's shopping was the tail end of the Christmas peak. *Customers have been hugely enthusiastic about our Sunday

opening," he said.

Some stores said they hoped. the increase in Christmas shopping heralded the first signs of the recession ending. Michael Cole, the director of public affairs at House of Fraser Holdings, owners of Harrods which was not open yesterday, said: "This has been a good Christmas and better than last year. Our turnover has been up by 14 to 15 per cent on last year which was truly horrible. There is money around and people want to

buy the feel-good things."
At the Lakeside shopping centre in Thurrock, Essex, more than 50,000 shoppers packed out the new malls yesterday. Heather Davis, the marketing manager, said: We have done exceptionally well. Business is up 20 per cent on last year. Over Christmas the average adult spends £120 at Lakeside which is double

the normal taking." Brian Rogers, shopping at Lakeside with his wife and two children, said the law should be changed to allow Sunday trading. This is only one of

two days when busy people can shop. I don't think Sunday shopping will harm family life because we are making a day of it."

Despite the claims of increased sales, shoppers at Lakeside said they were tightening their belts. Peter Doherty, the manager of the centre's House of Fraser store, said shoppers wanted to spend less and buy more valuable goods.

In central London, retailers said they were having to reduce prices to increase sales. Martin Barnett, of the Marble Arch Association, said: "We are taking 30 per cent less money but are selling 40 per cent more goods."

Alasdair Barron, of the Keep Sunday Special cam-paign, said: "We would encourage local councils to consider prosecution on the basis of today." The campaign supports a private member's bill from Ray Powell, a Labour MP, due for its second reading on January 22, which says goods should be sold which facilitate rest and recreation, treatment of emergencies, social gatherings and travel.

Defiant Rabin warns Beirut over turning back deportees

From Ben Lynfield in jerusalem

ISRAEL'S supreme court met to consider an appeal by deported Palestin-Muslim fundamentalists, Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet yesterday dug in against worldwide condemnation of its mass expulsions.

The Israeli strike against the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement threatened to backfire amid images of the deportees shivering in Lebanese no man's land. The deportees, many of them Palestinian intellectuals and professional people, formed committees at the weekend to run what is rapidly becoming the Middle East's latest makeshift refugee camp in Marj az-Zahour, the no man's land between Israel and

The court is expected to deliver its verdict today. Last night Mr Rabin warned the Lebanese government not to try to send the Palestinians back, saying this would be a mistake. "We had to cut off Hamas' ability to harm the citizens of the state of Israel and the Palestinians who support the peace process." Yosef Harish, the industry minister, said after the cabinet reaffirmed the expulsion of 415 suspected members of the Islamic Jihad organisation. "The fact remains that Hamas has been weakened and that the factions supporting the negotiations have been strengthened."

Mr Rabin signalled that he had few misgivings about the expulsions by telling leftwing members of the cabinet he would meet leaders of the hardline Tsomet opposition party today. These contacts may portend a further drift to the right in what started

last June as a left-centre about the expulsions was beginning to erode, as news-papers raised questions about the haste in which the government tried to bus the deportees across the border and the secrecy that surrounded the operation and

its impact on Israel's image.
" A no man's land with hundreds of Palestinians Israel has expelled means yet another hump we will have to bear on our back," the

Officials from Hamas and the Palestine Liberation Organisation -fierce rivals for Palestinian loyalties - are to meet in Tunis this week to discuss co-ordinated anti-Israel action. They are expected to issue a call for a violent response from people in the occupied territories.....Page 8

respected Hardretz daily

The court began hearing two petitions aimed at bringing back the deportees, and soldiers lightly wounded two youths yesterday during a clash in the Gaza Strip town of Khan Yunis. The renewed violence came a day after six Palestinians were killed in Khan Yunis refugee camp. adjoining the town, in some of the fiercest clashes since the start of the five-year-old Palestinian uprising. One of the dead was a Amal Abu Tyur, nine. Bethlehem, Hebron and Ramaliah remained sealed off.

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Gummer hails increase in North Sea haddock catches but crews warn that the battle goes on

Britain wins new EC deal for fishermen

BRITISH fishermen have been granted a big increase in the amount of haddock they will be allowed to take from the North Sea next year. But their catches of some other species will be cut or held at current low volumes and new conservation measures could reduce their fishing further in

In more than 17 hours of negotiations which ended ear-iy yesterday, British fisheries ministers were able to persuade Brussels to drop a plan to compel 800 English and Scottish vessels to stay in port for 190 days every year to prevent over-fishing of cod

Manuel Marin, the Fisherles Commissioner, accepted that new legislation in Britain, the Sea Fish (Conservation) bill, should achieve the same conservation aim. The bill, which received royal assent last week, empowers the government to attach a condition to fishing licences specifying the number of days a vessel may spend at sea.

John Gummer, the agriculture minister who chaired the meeting, described the out-come as "remarkable". Fishermen were "natural hunters" and getting them to accept restraint was never easy.

There is no hope for the future of fishing if we do not ensure that we do not over-fish", he said. "When stocks recover people will see why we had to take these measures".

haddock has not not satisfied many UK trawlermen. They are threatening to take direct action

pean Commission and mem-ber states seemed at last to be operating on the same wave

In a further move, EC

ministers approved an extension of the Common Fisheries Policy for a further ten years. David Curry, junior fisheries minister, said this meant that Britain, as the biggest contrib-utor to the EC's fishing grounds, would continue to be guaranteed "the lion's share", of the available catch. Fishing by other EC vessels within 12 miles of the British coast would remain limited to boats from countries with historic fishing rights there.

Fears that the Spanish fleet, the biggest in the EC and one which has traditionally fished mainly outside Community waters, would soon be able to invade British grounds in large numbers, reducing Britain's catch share, appear to have been dispelled.

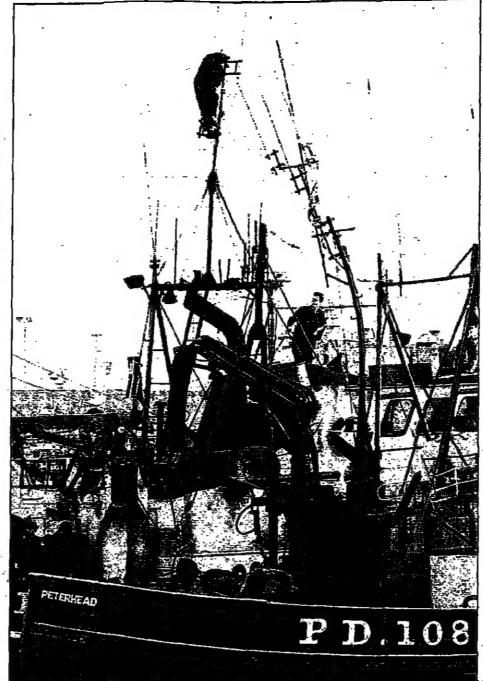
"The Spanish have been seen off at least until 2003," Mr Curry said. Spain, which joined the EC in the mid-1980s, was the only country to vote against this part of the deal. Mr Curry said the problem of Spanish boats register-ing in Britain and using a British flag could be controlled

by tougher licencing rules. British legislation has worried fishermen because it gives the government a free hand to limit fishing to any level at any time. The penalty for breaching a fishing licence condition will be raised to a maximum of £50,000. Skippers will be able to appeal to a tribunal over their allocation of days at sea.

Britain's share of the haddock catch will rise by 82 per cent in the North Sea, from 2,640 to 77,620 tonnes and by 42 per cent, from 9,985 to 14,180 tonnes west of Scotland. This reflects scientific evidence of a recovery in haddock stocks over the past

Our share of the cod catch will stay at 43,220 tonnes in the North Sea, the same as this year, but will rise by 4.3 per cent west of Scotland and by 7 per cent in the Irish Sea. The British whiting quota will go up by 16 per cent west of Scotland but fall by 15 per cent in the Irish Sea.

The EC ministers failed to produce any answers to longstanding criticims of the Common Fisheries Policy. These include the high proportion of fish that have to be thrown back dead into the sea because quotas have been exhausted or because the fish are below the minimum landing size, and the large tonnage of fish — about half the entire North Sea catch - that is taken for processing into industrial oils and animal feed, mainly by Danish vessels. Conservationists say this is seriously deplet-ing the supply of food for fish that are caught for eating.



Gone fishing: vessels will be able to catch more haddock under the agreement

Fishermen to step up fight over EC rules

BY RAY CLANCY

SCOTTISH fishermen warned yesterday that they will step up their militant action over fishing restrictions despite claims by the government that a good deal had been reached in Brussels over

In Peterhead this week almost 400 trawlers are tied up. unable to fish while their French and Spanish counter-parts trawl the seas for cod and haddock. The boats remain in harbour because strict British quotas for white fish have been

"For the past two years the government has forced us to break the rules, to become criminals. While we welcome an increase in the haddock quota, and the limit on tie-ups is a move in the right direction, we have won only a battle, not the war. What concerns us is the Sea Fish (Conservation) Bill, that could put our livelihood in jeapordy," said Peter Bruce,

kipper of the Budding Rose. The bill, which gained royal assent last week, enables the government to ban fishing in order to conserve stocks, and is regarded by fishermen as being a bigger threat and more restrictive than the EC

fishing for 50 years and said he had never known so much animosity. "Many lads feel they are being treated badly. We are heading for the end of an era, to the end of the industry as we know it today. There is quite simply no future in it for young men. A young-ster today has no hope of

finding the money to buy a boat, if he inherits a business he is hauled down by rules and regulations and then has to watch as the Spanish and French go sailing merrily by. Yet the government calls it a common fisheries policy." he

Along with his sons John and Michael, he owns two boats bought three years ago for almost £1 million each. He is not sure if 1993 will be an economically viable year. "We have to do our sums, work out if it is worth putting to sea." said Mr Foreman.

At a meeting of skippers in Peterhead yesterday, new action was discussed.

Skippers emerged from the meeting determined to take further action. They said that the deal in Brussels was an indication that ministers were paying attention to their views and the marches and demonstrations had resulted in their plight being listened to. The battle is not over, it has only fust started. We shall continue to fight so that no boats have to tie up next year. The fishermen are not going to lie down just because there has been some good news from Brus-sels," said Mr Bruce. Already they have blocked

the harbour at Lochinver, marched through the streets of Edinburgh during the summit and waved defiant banners at the royal yacht Britannia as she came into the port of Leith. Further action being discussed includes not filling in log books, avoiding fishery vessels and playing cat and mouse games with officials.

Heseltine may back down on bomb cover

By Richard Ford and Derek Harris

TAXPAYERS will help meet ration of the City of London, the costs of insuring commer-said last night: "It is imporcial property against terrorist attacks under a deal being considered by the trade and

A solution to the crisis caused by the Association of British Insurers saying that terrorist damage would be excluded from new commercial policies is expected in the next few days.

Ministers have come under pressure from the City and business leaders to share the spiralling financial burden of IRA attacks on commercial targets in mainland Britain.

The association and leading figures in the City expect ministers to unveil a government-backed scheme before Christmas because many existing insurance policies expire on January 1. Bernard Harty, tant that something is an-

nounced in the next few days." Michael Heseltine, president of the board of trade, has held a series of meetings with insurance companies in an attempt to resolve the row. Although the government has been adamant that the insurance companies must bear the brunt of the risks, Mr Heseltine has not ruled out

some government assistance. One scheme under consideration in Whitehall is a levy of 5-10 per cent on industrial property insurance that would be pooled to provide cover for terrorist damage, with any extra cost underwritten by the government. If the special fund ran out, the government would step in to meet addi-tional claims from the public

Major forges links with Clinton after bidding Bush farewell at Camp David

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER AND NICHOLAS WOOD IN WASHINGTON

JOHN Major flew back to London last night having said goodbye to his old friend and ally President Bush and successfully forged links to the incoming Clinton admin-

He followed up a 30-minute telephone call to Bill Clinton on Friday with a hunch at the British embassy yesterday for Al Gore, the vice presidentelect, Les Aspin, who is this week expected to be appointed defence secretary, and others likely to play key roles over the next four years.

The prime minister's efforts appeared designed to dispel any lingering friction generated by Conservative party help for President Bush during the election campaign, including the recent disclosure that the Home Office had searched its files for information on Mr





Gore: had lunch with

prime minister feels that way." He praised Mr Major, saying it had been a very wonderful visit with a distinguished world leader" and that "the talks could not have

Lawrence Eagleburger, Mr Bush's Secretary of State, also attended yesterday's lunch, alongside Mr Clinton's senior advisers. During his "easy and friendly" conversation with Mr Clinton, Mr Major discussed the war in the former Yugoslavia and the state of the world economy. He was comforted to hear the preidentelect shared his concerns about the impact on British troops carrying out humani-tarian work in Bosnia of

enforcing the no-fly zone.

Also at yesterday's lunch were Dave McCurdy, the House intelligence committee chairman and close adviser to

Mr Clinton on national security issues, and Alan Greenspan chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, who continues in his post despite the change of president.

Mr Aspin will preside of the post-Cold War retrenchment of the American military and will have a large influence on a number of issues affecting Britain, including the level of US troops to be left in Europe. the future ability of Britain to test its nuclear weapons in the US, and whether Britain's independent nuclear deterrent should be included in any future strategic arms reduc-

Mr Greenspan would have been able to brief the Prime Minister on America's future economic prospects, which bear directly on Britain's hopes of pulling out of the recession in the new year.

CANEVS NEBRIEF

200 flee blaze at Edinburgh hotel

One of Edinburgh's biggest hotels was badly damaged by fire yesterday. The Scandic Crown was evacuated of almost 200 guests as firemen fought to prevent the blaze spreading from the upper part of the seven-storey building. A large part of the roof was wrecked and the upper two floors were

A policeman spotted the fire at 5.15am. It is thought to have started in a boiler room. Although there were early fears that one man was missing, police later said all had been safely accounted for. All the guest were taken to another hotel. The Scandic Crown, which housed the Danish delegation to this month's European Community summit, is in the Royal Mile. It was been built two years ago to a design created to blend in with historic buildings in the street.

Male cancer risk grows

More British men are getting testicular cancer, a disease which can prove fatal. Since 1972 the risk has nearly doubled, the Imperial Cancer Research fund claims. Its scientists are investigating a link between a rise in the number of men with undescended testes and cancer. The charity has launched a fact sheet which explains methods of self-examination. About 1,000 cases occur each year with 150 proving fatal. New drugs have greatly improved survival

Tree breaks plane's fall

The crew of a microlight was rescued from a 75ft Scots pine which cushioned its fall near York yesterday when its engine failed after take-off. John Watkins, 53, from Manchester, was trapped in the cockpit with serious leg injuries for an hour until firemen cut him free. His co-pilot, Steve Grzybowski, 43, of Tadcaster, escaped serious injury.

No 10 'losing its allure'

problems have tempered the ambitions of at least one cabinet member. Michael Portillo, right, the Treasury chief secretary and often mentioned as a successor to
John Major, told LWY: "I
think over the last six
months, the difficulties that our prime minister has been through have made me real-ise what a terribly demanding and, in many ways, unrewarding job it is."

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Soldiers die in crash

Two women soldiers were killed on the M4 as they drove from Germany to visit their families for a Christmas surprise. Debbie Hunter, 26, and Cindy Kibble, 27, were in the front seats of the car, which went out of control in sleet near Bray, Berkshire, on Saturday night. A fellow soldier, Mark Hayden, 26, suffered severe chest and leg injuries.

Bronze Age recreated

A replica Bronze Age settlement is to be built on a remote moorland farm, overlooking the remains of original 3,500year-old dwellings. Work on recreating the ancient homes at Trewortha Farm, 1,000 feet up on Bodmin Moor, Cornwall, will start in the new year. The 200-acre beef and sheep farm has a residential study centre used for outdoor projects by up to 1,000 schoolchildren a year. Farmer Graham Lawrence, 44, hopes that youngsters will be involved in later stages of the development.

Lockerbie petition

On the fourth annversary of the Lockerbie air crash today, six people who lost relatives will hand a petition to John Major at 10 Downing Street demanding a public enquity. In New York, a march and vigil will be followed by a memorial service to the 270 people who died when a terrorist bomb brought down the PanAm aircraft.

Police fear court disclosure rule will rob them of key informants

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT bilities for fear that the under-

warned the Home Office that prosecutions against key crim-inals could be abandoned if detectives have to name confidential sources of information to meet growing legal de-mands for disclosure of

Association of Chief Police Officers setting out wide-spread police fears about the demands by defences for total disclosure of material is being studied within the Home Office. The letter also warns the Home Office that the bureaucracy and work involved in drawing material together could be costly in terms of

funding and manpower.

In one recent London multimillion-pound drug traffick-ing case Scotland Yard disclosed for the first time that detectives had bugged the offices of a suspect. The police

have always maintained total silence on their technical capa-

lack of green concern

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE Queen is ungreen. according to Green magazine, which claims that she rarely speaks about the environment, is a heavy consumer of scarce natural resources with her "panoply of trains, planes and automobiles", and pre-sides over intensive farming on the Sandringham estate.

She does not screen the companies in her multi-million pound investment portfolio for their environmental impact, the magazine alleges in a four-page feature, although it offers no proof. merely citing the opinion of unnamed City sources.

Compared to the Prince of Wales, the Queen is struggling to be green and could do better, the magazine says,

putting forward ten suggestions by which she might achieve environment-friendliness, which include being seen travelling by cycle or bus, banning hunting on her land, converting her farms so they rely on fewer chemicals, installing converting higher light stalling energy-efficient light bulbs in all her properties and putting tinfoil behind the radiators at Buck-

ingham Palace. The only aspect of the royal household that gets the magazine's seal of approval is the royal yacht Britannia, which has been converted from heavy fuel oil to diesel engines, compacts its own rubbish on board and has it removed in harbour, and carries its own biological sewage plant.

past year because judges ordered the disclosure of the identity of informants or police officers working under cover. Police fear that recent cases of miscarriages of justice involving the non-disclosure of material will make the courts even more anxious to

meet defence demands.

world would try to avoid such

Several other cases in

London and the provinces

have been abandoned in the

The concern has now spread beyond the police to M15, where officers are reported to be worried that their new role in intelligence work on terrorism could mean they will face court appearances. The Security Service might also be forced to reveal its methods and informants.

The cost of disclosure is already causing headaches for some forces, especially in extensive fraud cases. One Merseyside investigation has had to make a million pages of material available to defence

The letter from the chief constables follows a national police conference last month, where detectives from every force listed their difficulties with disclosure and the Crown Prosecution Service. As a result new guidelines are to be sent out before the new year by

The CPS has agreed that prosecution lawyers will not automatically hand over material to the defence without consulting the police. If there are claims that material is too sensitive to be disclosed and the CPS, the police and the defence disagree, the matter

Sotheby's cuts 25 jobs in London and abroad

By JOHN SHAW

ABOUT 25 staff at Sotheby's. the world's biggest auction house, are to be made redundant between now and the middle of January. The move affects employees

in London and on the Conti-nent and follows 60 redundancies announced by Art market speculation has suggested for some time that up to 150 staff would go at Sotheby's in the light of a sluggish art market but the

figure was firmly discounted yesterday.

A spokeswoman said: "We are making a small number of redundancies as part of a carefully organised process of seeing how and where we can do things better. We are not

making any formal announce-

ment; it is part of a process of

adjustment in the European

operation." of Joan of Arc valued at £100,000 has been stolen from the gardens of Cliveden House, the former home of Lord and Lady Astor at Taplow, Buckinghamshire. The mansion is run by the

National Trust.

The sculpture dates from 1850 and weighs a quarter of a ton. It is the latest in a series of garden statuary thefts feeding a profitable market here and on the Continent, Earlier this month a carved stone angel weighing about a hun-dredweight was stolen from the grounds of a private chapel near York and a 3ft high pair of stone eagles disappeared from a garden in Cumbria.



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Minister views ways to claw back cash in big mortgage rescues

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE government is considering changing the rules that allow benefit offices to meet big mortgage payments for the unemployed after it emerged that the state is paying £1,800 a week to cover the housing costs of a

Social security ministers are looking at proposals whereby those who receive big weekly payments to cover mortgages would have to pay back the money once they had sold their homes.

It was disclosed this weekend that the social security department is paying the £1,800 a week mortgage for Trevor Deaves, who lost his £400,000-a-year job as chairman of the MI insurance

group two years ago. Yesterday, Alistair Burt, social security minister, refused to comment on the Degves case, but said that he would be examining ways to ensure that the taxpayer did not lose out where high payments were

While no detailed proposal is on the table. Mr Burt favoured some type of repayment for those on higherthan-average mortgages. However he pointed out that many houses that could not be sold were repossessed. In this case, there would be no equity and it might be unfair to chase the debt. "It is fraught with difficulty." he said. "If the house is repossessed do you then demand the debt or write

The Labour MP Frank Field. chairman of the Com-

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tee, has been pressing for a repayment policy for over two years. Yesterday, he said that the ministry should be guided by the average payments given to bale out those who could no longer afford their mortgages. Anyone receiving more than this sum should have to return all or a proportion of the sum they received, after selling

their house. Mr Field said: "At a time of recession, nobody wants to see people who are unemployed and homeless. But the taxpayer should be able to recoup a large part of the payments once the house is sold. Tampayers are supporting huge capital assers and they should get some recompense."

Mr Burt said that there are already rules on mortgage payments. They are not given to those with savings above £8,000 and a sliding scale is imposed on those with savings of £3,000 to £8,000.

People with very big mort-gages receive full interest only if the social security adjudica-tion officer decides that they could afford the mortgage when they took it on. "Nobody is going to foot the payment if I buy Highgrove and then lose my job the next day," Mr Burt said.

Full interest is met for up to a year if the claimant is making efforts to sell the property. After this period, benefits would be lowered to a level comparable to a reasonable standard of accommodation. If the daimant was unable to sell his house, it would be repossesed.

"If the mortgage payment is

inappropriate, as would certainly be the case if someone was paying over £1,500 a week, then there must be a let out for the taxpayer." Mr Burt

If people's accommodation is thought appropriate for their circumstances, mortgage payments would go on

indefinintely.

Trevor Deaves is not alone in having help from the social security department in paying the mortgage. There are several other cases where former-ly rich businessmen have had help with repayments. Peter Julien, an unem-

ployed interior designer, bought his home in Hamp-stead, north London, in 1989 and made two payments on the £630,000 mortgage before his business failed. He asked for state help to meet repayments of £1,784 a week and was given social security benefits totalling £32,000 over six months. The home was repossessed and sold by the Town and Country Building

Society.
The DSS paid the £600-aweek mortgage interest on a businessman's fourbedroomed home at Darwen, Lancashire, when his finance and mobile communictions firm faced difficulties.

A money market trader and broker remortgaged his mai-sonette in Islington, north London, a week after losing his job in 1989. Interest payments on the £138.750 loan, which came to almost £420 a week in 1990, were paid by the social security



Reflections of Christmas cheer: Jonathan Rees, a tuba player, taking part in the annual Tuba and Euphonium carol concert in London yesterday. The concert moved to a new venue at Spitalfields in the East End this year after 12 years at Covent Garden. About 40 brass players

boycott tests at age of 11

By JOHN O'LEARY

THE government's belea-guered testing programme for the national curriculum faces another boycott threat today, this time from head teachers of 11-year-

Next year's first full round of tests at the age of 14 are already the subject of possible disruption by members of the National Union of Teachers. Now the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) is advising its members not to take part in pilot tests for

ily time-consuming. Both the heads and the

Testing at 11 will be compulsory from 1994, but participation in the pilots is voluntary. Baron-

of tests so that they are as

demonstrate that its concerns must no longer be ignored. A flawed system nent should not be imposed on children or divert valuable resources away from teaching."

Heads to

the younger age group.
The association, which represents most heads in the primary schools where ssment at 1-1 will take place, claims that the government has refused to enter into dialogue on vital aspects of the curriculum. unreliable and unnecessar-

Labour party are asking John Patten, the education secretary, to adopt the Scot-tish system of allowing teachers to decide when pupils are ready to be tested. Pilot tests for 11year-olds are planned for 2 per cent of schools in England which cover the

ess Blatch, the education minister, said: "The NAHT advice is pure hy-portisy. They tell us they want the tests to be thoroughly tried out in schools, but they tell their members not to co-operate with

"One of the main reasons for running pilot tests is to enable teachers to influence the development manageable and effective

David Hart, general sec-retary of the NAHT, said: "The profession needs to

mons social security commit-

Finance house: Trevor Deaves outside his home, costing the state £1,800 a week

Executive's naked body found on waste land

BY A STAFF REPORTER

DETECTIVES are trying to piece together the final hours of a London businessman found naked and stabbed to death on waste ground after what they describe as a "savage attack".

Peter Wickens, 32, the director of a retail games com-pany, was last seen alive on Thursday night at an awards dinner for the industry at the Portman Hotel, in the West

The following afternoon, his body, naked except for his socks, was found on land close to a bus depot in Shepherd's Bush, west London. He had been stabbed in the chest four or five times.

Police believe that Mr Wickens was murdered elsewhere and his body dumped. Det Supt Brian Edwards, who is leading the murder enquiry. said yesterday: "It was a savage attack: We can find absolutely no motive whatsoever, although it is very, very

early days."

Mr Wickens, a single man. lived alone in King's Road, Chelsea. He was the company director of Garne Ltd. Det Supt Edwards said Mr Wickens had met friends before leaving for the awards dinner. "It was a formal dinner and he left late in the wearing dinner

A police spokesman said: "It is believed he was killed in the early hours of the morning and his body taken to near the depot. Police are anxious to know what happened to the

victim's clothing."
A colleague at Game Ltd said: "Everybody is very deeply shocked by what has hap-

DSS offered to pay £2,000 weekly benefit

By Adam Fresco

SURROUNDED by the 66 acres of Surrey countryside that he can still call his own, Trevor Deaves was yesterday unrepentant that the social security department is meeting weekly interest payments of almost £2,000 to keep him

Mr Deaves, 39, now at the centre of growing political furote over social security benefits, said: "I have paid a lot of tax in the past and am simply claiming what I am entitled to."

Since losing his reputed £400,000-a-year job as an insurance sales executive, the department has been meeting his mortgage interest repay-ments of £1,833 a week since

July.
The former millionaire took out a £832,500 interest-only mortgage to buy the six-bedroomed Tree Top Farm in Haslemere, Surrey, set in 66 acres, for £925,000 nearly three years ago. He signed on

for income support in July this year after leaving his £400,000 job as chief execu-tive of the life assurance company MI Group in Jamary 1991.

He made his fortune selling insurance policies and was once reputedly worth £15 million and owned more than 20 cars, including Rolls-Royces and Ferraris, but has sold them all. He says two Range Rovers, parked at the top of the sweeping gravel drive, belong to his wife, Jacqui.

He said that the DSS phoned him asking why he did not claim supplementary benefit. "It turned out I was entitled to have my mortgage paid because I had been paying it myself for 30 months. When I made the mortgage claim I offered to pay it all back but they said I was entitled to it. I would still pay it all back if things work out for me, or give it away to

Cold war foes swap secrets

By Paul WILKINSON

A MEASURE of how far the from the growing number of nuclear powers. Cold war has thawed can be With the two sides no longer seen from the latest deal being enemies, they are prepared to struck between the West and swap information in areas Russia. Information from the where they have a lead. The new radar station at RAF Pylingdales in North York-Soviets' rocket booster systems are regarded as far superior to shire, which only replaced the famous "golf balls" last those in the West, while the new £160 million Solid State month, is to be traded for data Phased Array Radar on the on Russian rockets, the threat Yorkshire moors is acknowlthe station was built to edged as the state of the art in

detecting objects in flight, even It is all part of the new version of President Reagan's beyond the atmosphere. Star Wars project, a £30 billion joint Russian-US space Much of the Russians' missile detection capability was lost when the Soviet empire broke defence plan called GPALS, Global Protection Against Limited Strikes, which is inup and Fylingdales will help to plug a gap against new tended to counter threats

There is some irony that when the Americans, who paid 80 per cent of the cost of the new radar, first proposed updating the early warning site it was vehemently opposed by the same Russian generals who will now benefit from its

Fylingdales was built in the sixties facing east to give the famous "four-minute warning" of an incoming Soviet missile attack. The new system, housed in a three-sided pyramid, can scan 360 de-grees. "The benefits for Russia are obvious," a Ministry of Defence spokesman said. "It would be a simple matter to link them into our system."

Masked rapist attacks newspaper girl aged 14

By Hamish Paterson

A GIRL aged 14 was beaten and raped by a masked man who seized her in an alleyway as she delivered newspapers near her home in a co. Durham village. The girl had just delivered

her last newspapers in the village when the man grabbed her from behind, dragged her into a garden and savagely

She was in hospital tast night with severe bruising. Police said she was so traumatised by her ordeal that she could remember very little about the attack, which hap-

pened in daylight. Police have set up an incident room in the village, between Durham and Consen The rapist who covered his face with a ski mask, attacked the girl shortly

Detective Chief Inspector John Graham said yesterday: "It's terrible that this girl should have her life ruined in this way and it's imperative we should catch this man very

quickly."

The girl was halfway down an alley when she heard footsteps behind her. She thought it was a jogger and moved to one side but was instantly attacked. She managed to pick herself up and stagger to a nearby house for

help.
Both of her eyes were closed. her lip was cut and swollen and her nose was bruised. Police were at first unable to establish that she had been

Mr Graham said it was not clear whether she had been knocked unconscious or ber what happened because of shock. A specially trained policewoman is at the girl's bedside in hospital to try to find out more details of the attack. All that the victim could remember was that the masked man was taller than her 5ft 5in.

Police have appealed for anyone in the area between 7.30am and 8.30am on Saturday to come forward. They particularly want to hear from the driver of a blue van, bigger than a Transit, and from a young boy in a black and green striped track suit. Both

vere seen in the area. Police believe that the rapist is probably a local man because he seemed to know a number of alleyways in the area, including the one in which he attacked the girl, just

Libel case couple ask EC for aid

TWO people being sued by the last-lood chain McDonald's are taking their plea for legal aid to the European

Commission of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Helen Steel and David Morris, from London, whose case is before the High Court, are accused of libelling Mc-Donald's in a leaflet. They claim that they cannot properly defend themselves without legal aid, which is denied by the government in libel cases

They say the denial breaches the right to a fair trial in the European Convention on Human Rights. Their application to the commission. which rules whether the case can go to the European Court at Strasbourg, also says inability to defend themselves against a world-wide corporation makes freedom of ex-

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Army rebuilds IRA target despite safety fears



Mates: soldiers will not be sitting ducks

BY EDWARD GORMAN TREIAND CORRESPONDENT

THE army in Northern Ireland has spent around £7 million rebuilding and relocating a much-bombed checkpoint close to the Irish border. Its critics say that the soldiers posted to it will be placed in innecessary danger and that it should have been abandoned.

Cloghogue, pronounced Clog and known to the Army as Romeo 16, is a state-of-the-art installation with an automated vehicle screening area. The checkpoint, and the adjoining base located just south of Newry, co. Down, near the border, are bristling with surveillance equipment. Its construction involved "redesigning" a hillside using earth-moving equipment to accommodate the base and make it more secure from IRA attack.

It is the most expensive base of its kind in Northern Ireland, and even the arroy is prepared to admit that it is now one of the JRA's key targets, and will almost certainly be bombed again.

Last week, Seamus Mallon, the SDLP MP for Newry and Armagh. and Michael Mates, the Stormont security minister, were again at loggerheads over the base. The na-tionalist view is that Cloghogue should be scrapped. Mr Mallon and his supporters believe the base is a military nonsense that invites IRA attack while at the same time live near it and serve in it.

The official unionist view is that the army and police must have a permanent presence close to the border on the main Dublin to Belfast road for a variety of political, military, economic and psychomany army officers secretly share

Driving through the base, just three miles north of the border and a mile south of Newry, last week, Mr Mallon put that argument in its most emotive terms. "I must say if I was the father of a son who was posted here and had to man this checkpoint simply to let it be seen that things were being done and he was killed. I would be very angry Mr Mallon believes a far better

Mr Mallon believes a lar better strategy would be for the army to mount random mobile patrols and checkpoints on the road, depriving the IRA of a permanent target.

The army and police first in-

stalled a checkpoint at Cloghogue in 1986 after a series of IRA

mile". Unionists would have preferred the checkpoint to have been right on the border itself, but the country there is too open and so Cloghogue, at a bend just below a hilltop overlooking Newry. was chosen instead. Its appearance at

such an important location was an

immediate provocation to the IRA.

There have been a number of attacks on the base since then, two of which virtually demolished it. In October 1990 a soldier died and two were injured when the IRA forced a local man to drive a bomb into the checkpoint. It was rebuilt only to be destroyed again on May this year, when the provisionals transported a huge bomb on a freight wagon down the Belfast to Dublin railway, which runs along-

logical reasons. The debate has bombings and ambushes on the side the base. They detonated it potential of another bomb. A spokesman said their supplicion among nationalists that area known locally as "murder Andrew Grundy, aged 22, from are now as safe as they can Ferryhill, co. Durham.

There have been other less dramatic attacks with mortars, the most recent on August 6, while the base was being rebuilt for the third time. Each attack has been followed by a renewed attempt by the local community to persuade the Northern Ireland Office not to

This year's rebuild is the most concerted of all converting Cloghogue from a mere checkpoint to a full-scale patrol base. Officially the army say it is now happy with the new design, which allows troops to operate the checkpoint away from the road, alleviates traffic congestion because of a construction of a separate slip road, and helps to reduce the destructive

A spokesman said their soldiers are now as safe as they can be in a vulnerable location. Mr Mallon is not convinced. He points out that despite the loss of life and expense there has never been a single arms Rail

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find of any significance at Cloghogue while all around it socalled unapproved roads remain free for the use of the IRA. Mr Mates denies that troops and police posted at the base are sitting ducks. He dismisses claims that Cloghogue is more about symbolism than military strategy. "I certainly wouldn't have spent the money we spent on it as a symbol Had anybody said we need a symbol there I would have argued

very, very strongly against it. It's there because both the police and

the military reckon it's operational

ly necessary to be there."

Airline acts after campaign by families

Britons who died in Nepal air crash to be named with DNA test

BY TONY DAWE

GENETIC fingerprinting will be used to try to identify victims of the Pakistani airliner crash in Nepal three months ago, in which 35 Britons died.

Only 64 of the 167 who were killed when the Airbus A300 crashed into a hillside on the approach to Kathmandu airport have been identified, including 19 Britons.

The decision by Pakistan International Airlines and their insurers to carry out the tests follows a campaign by British relatives. Several had written to the Foreign Office and to their MPs protesting at the airline's reluctance.

Neen Lowdell, whose husband Darcy died in the crash. said: "I would welcome anything that will help get Darcy's body back home, but I cannot understand why it has taken

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LOVERS 'are being "com-pletely blatant" about their

affairs, according to a new

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The hoteliers report that

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using it. Of 300 British hoteliers in the Signpost Hotel Guide surveyed, two-thirds said romantic liai-

sons were on the increase.

Nearly half the 700 read-

ers questioned said they

had spent at least seven

weekends at British hotels

Isolated country hotels

remain the favourite for

amorous couples, with four

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fast. Eight per cent arrive

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10 has no luggage.

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of four occasions.

The weeks and weeks of available because scientists working for Kenyon Emerwaiting for any news only makes you more angry and Services, a Londonpased international under-Mrs Lowdell, of Worthing, takers, took small samples of tissue while carrying out post-mortem examinations in discussing arrangements for

two of her three children to provide blood and hair sam-The samples were deep ples for the DNA test. The parents of Mick Hardwick frozen and brought recently to the Home Office's forensic and Dave Harries, two mounscience laboratories at Wetherby, West Yorkshire. The DNA tests will reveal any taineers who died, have arranged to give samples today.
"We hope that Dave's body
will be identified and we can similarities between the samples and those about to be

haye a funeral," Muriel Hartaken from blood relatives. "We have genuine hopes that the tests will identify more ries, of Worcester, said yesterday. "We were upset when the airline at first refused to do the people," Philip Lewis, chief executive of Kenyon's Emertests and are saddened that it has taken so much effort to get gency Services, said. "We obtained samples from 110 bodies, and 72 per cent of this decision." It will be the first time that DNA testing has been used those samples contain very extensively on British air crash good DNA."

He added that the airline had always been aware of the availability of tests but had preferred to see how many of the victims could be identified by normal pathology and den-tal record checks. "When it became clear that we were not more identifications, PIA and its insurers sanctioned the DNA tests," Mr Lewis said.

In a letter to relatives, Mr Lewis said: The process makes a comparison between the DNA profile obtained from the accident victims and that of ideally two relatives of each passenger. Should any profiles match, a relationship is considered proven."

The decision comes on the victims who were identified: Andy and Helen Wilkins, missionaries from Hertfordshire, and their three children Hannah, 10, Naomi, 8, and



Flight of fancy: the centrepiece of Lakeside shopping centre at Grays, Essex, looms above Sunday customers

£10,185 buys romance at Christmas

A third of doomed pits may be saved

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Heseltine, the president of the board of trade. is expected to reprieve about a third of the 31 pits which were scheduled for closure in October. He is believed to be considering saving two of the mines which were earmarked for definite closure: Markham Main, South Yorkshire, and Betws in South Wales.

Missionaries killed in the crash: the Wilkins family

Ministerial sources said that Mr Heseltine is due to report on the government's enquiry into the pit closure pro-gramme by mid-February. However, he is awaiting two important reports from management consultants to assess the extent of the future coal While the Commons trade

and industry committee believes that contracts for at least an extra 15 million tonnes can be found, saving up to 14 pits. trade and industry ministers are more cautious. They expect that the figure is nearer 10 million tonnes, which would save about ten pits.

Members of the Tory-dominated trade and industry committee, which is conducting its own enquiry into the 31 pit closures, believe that an extra 7 million tonnes of coal can be added to the British market if the power supply line from France is switched off. Committee members are also arguing for a switch from the present subsidy for nuclear power to a coal subsidy to

make it more competitively

priced. Although neither option has been ruled out, ministers argue that both are fraught with legal and techni-cal difficulties. The second option will also be expensive.

Trade and industry committee clerks are drawing up the committee's report to be pre-sented before January 29, when the official consultation period on the ten pits is over. Although the cross-party com-mittee will back the reprieve of a substantial number of pits, there is division over how this should be done. Tory members of the committee want some of the ten pits privatised but this is not accepted by Labour MPs, who are also arguing for a larger number of pits to be saved.

Mr Heseltine is expected to defend his second U-turn by arguing that the goal posts moved once it became clear that the coal market could be expanded. Some MPs claim that the political necessity of saving some of the pits may be overriding the logistical and economic case for closing

John Major has been told by senior members of the cabinet that the government cannot afford a repeat of the outcry in October when the scale of the pit closures became The price of reprieving even

a third of the pits open will be huge. Keeping all 31 pits open would cost £600m to £700m a

Christmas only to switch off again for the new year. Some companies have been forced into longer shutdowns because of thin order books but successful firms such as Toyota in Derbyshire and Nissan at Sunderland are closing from Christmas eve until January 4 and 7.

BY ROBIN YOUNG

The bulk of Mr Bateman's savings came from his suggestion that dancers dancing pipers piping drummers drum-ming and lords a-leaping could be persuaded to perform for nothing if doing it for charity or if a video were to be made of the event. He also thought it silly to pay milkmaids union rates when they would fill the role at E5 an hour.

Some of Mr Bateman's items were, however, dearer. His butcher wanted £9 for a partridge, which we got at Harrods last year for £5. His pear trees were cheap, though, at £10 against our £18.95. Mr Bateman's turtle doves were fancy pigeons (£35 a pair), and his French hens

were frozen, from a supermarket, at £5 each. For calling birds, he suggested

budgerigars at £8.50. Cows were £700 each and gold rings £25 each. Geese were £28 each from the local butcher, and

swans could be hired at £30 apiece.
Yet when we did our calculations with the price list he had suggested, our total came, not to £6,246, but to £10,185. The £3,939 difference arose because he had not costed in the repetition of gifts partridge and pear tree, for example, are given not once, but on each of the 12

The moral of this exercise is that if you employ a financial adviser you should always have an in-depth interview, take nothing at its face value, and ensure that you are both talking about the same thing. Otherwise it could prove very expensive, even at Christmas.

Long break is justified, say employers

By A STAFF REPORTER

EMPLOYERS have defended their decision to shut factories for up to two weeks over the Christmas period following criticism by Tory MPs. A survey by the Institute of Directors, to be published today, shows that 64 per cent of manufacturing industry is taking nearly two weeks off.

for the past six years.

THE 12 days of Christmas this year will

set a true lover back £10,185. The sum is

back in five figures despite The Times's

best endeavours to keep down the cost in view of the recession.

The Times has calculated the cost of

presenting all the gifts in the song The

Tweeve Days of Christmas each year since 1973, when the price was only £2,818.60. This year, we decided to cut out wasteful duplication and to use the

services of an independent financial consultant. Richard Bateman, of Bateman Financial Planning in Cornwall, who has done similar calculations

. Mr Bateman suggested that he could fill the bill for no more than £6,246 this year, down from our £9,397.70 last year.

Managers insist it is often uneconomic to reopen after

to be ridiculous if everybody Both the institute and the Confederation of British Inwas as lacking in orders as one dustry dismiss criticism of the

would imagine."
The institute's survey found long break. which has been attacked by Sir Teddy Taylor, the Tory MP for Southend East. He said that either the entire period chould be more that 56 per cent of all firms will be open between December 29 and 31. More than 40 entire period should be recogper cent of the manufacturing nised as an official holiday or the bank holiday on January 1 companies which are stopping production will have sales staff should be abolished. vailable to take orders.

"Until we are prepared to go Both the institute and the one way or the other we are CBI pointed out that Britons take fewer holidays than most just going to experience the of their European competitors. annual embarrassment, loss of Much of France shuts down production, loss of wealth and, for two weeks in August and clearly, loss of employment." the average Frenchman gets Ian Bruce, the Tory MP for 30 days paid leave by law, plus 11 public holidays. In the UK, Dorset South, said: "When you try to buy goods or services where there is no legal miniyou find you have to wait a long time, which would seem mum of holidays, the average

person gets 25 to 29 days plus eight public holidays.

At least 250,000 Britons

are leaving the country this Christmas to spend their holiday abroad (Robin Young

The Canary Islands are the most popular destination, according to Britain's largest travel agent, Lunn Poly, and the credit card company Access. They have identified Florida, southern Spain, Kenya and Gambia as the other most popular escape routes at Christmas.

Many London and country house hotels which have ar-ranged Christmas programmes report that they still

A machine replaces Britain's loneliest worker By Julia Liewellyn Smith

loneliest lighthouse keeper in Britain, who has single-handedly run the Bish-op Rock lighthouse off the Scilly Isles for 13 years, will return to dry land today to be replaced by a machine.
Peter Robson, whose pillar-

shaped home is 23 miles from the mainland and Britain's remotest one-man posting. has been forced to leave as part of a cost-cutting programme to fully automate Britain's 38 manned lighthouses by 1997.

The Corporation of Trinity
House and the Northern
Lighthouse Board, which
manage the 278 lighthouses in Britain, were forced by the shipping industry to replace keepers with machines, which do the same job for half the

So far, no lighthouse keeper has had to be made redundant. Mr Robson will be transferred to the Needles lighthouse, off the Isle of Wight, in February. But the lighthouse authorities say that some redundancies will be inevitable as the programme nears completion.

Frank Bremner, who runs the most remote lighthouse in the British Isles but has the companionship of two assis-Unst in the Shetland Islands. He expects to be made redundant in March 1995. "There are very few lighthouses we can go to, so I will have to look for another job." he said. "At first when they announced the automation programme we kept hoping that they would change their minds, but now we know it's just a matter of

Mr Bremner, 51, has been a lighthouse keeper for 29 years. He spends one month on the island, where he shares a cottage with two other keepers. and one month off, when he is taken by helicopter to the nearby island of Lerwick where his wife and sons live. His main task is to maintain the light and keep equipment in order. Lookout duty, which is often thought to be a lighthouse keeper's job, is the

role of the coastguard.
He will spend Christmas on
Unst. "We'll have a roast dinner, but one of the other chaps will do it. I don't have to cook, because I am the head lighthouse keeper.

The automation programme puts an end to five centuries of maritime tradition. Trinity House, which runs the 82 lighthouses in England and Wales, was given its charter by Henry VIII in 1514 and erected its first lighthouse at Lowestoft in 1609. But the savings from automation are substantial. A manned offshore lighthouse costs around £100,000 a year to run. Automated equipment, which began to be installed in the 1970s, costs £500,000 and will last for 15 years, saving the lighthouse authorities £1 million over that period.



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Rail umbrella body will be run by business recruits

By Michael Dynes, whitehall correspondent

MANAGERS will be brought in from the private sector to run Railtrack, the new rail infrastructure authority, once legislation to break up and sell off the railways receives royal assent, senior transport sources have confirmed.

The business leaders will be responsible for sharpening railway management skilis and ensuring that the maximum number of private sector companies seeking to provide passenger and freight services are able to do so, the source

Despite the recent ground-swell of criticism over the government's rail privatisation proposals, ministers are adamant that its plans will result in a more efficient railway. Ministers are aware, however, that the sell-off is something of a gamble, and will have to be handled with

Allegations that the privatisation blueprint is excessively bureaucratic have been acthat this is the price of ensuring that the new regime is fair and effective.

The new infrastructure includes Railtrack, which will allocate train paths and user charges; a franchising authority; and a regulator to oversee the new system. This is considerably more complicated than the existing BR structure.

No decision has been made on what to do with InterCity, the national passenger net-work. It is understood that ministers are leaning towards breaking up the national passenger network, despite the campaign by rail managers to keep it intact.

Once the rail privatisation bill has been submitted to Parliament in the new year, five BR lines will be selected for a trial run, one of which is likely to be the antiquated London, Tilbury and South-end line. BR will soon be asked to prepare separate management and accounting

my priorities within the pri-

He also warned of a poorer

service next year because of a "severe" financial squeeze. "If

you don't have the money to

do your track replacements,

you must slow the train down.

So we are going to have

difficulties. These are going to

work their way through into

the performance of the railway

and that will need to be

customers so as they under-

stand what is happening."

explained very carefully to the

knowledged. Ministers insist systems for the five lines, the source said.

One of the benefits of rail privatisation will be the ability to identify precisely what BR's annual subsidy, now running at almost £1 billion, is spent

At present, no one really knows what subsidies are needed to support which lines. Consequently, under the new regime public debates about whether lines should be shut down will be better informed. Ministers do not expect

another round of line and station closures on the scale of those that took place during the era of the Beeching cuts. Some closures, particularly in nural areas, are likely to be unavoidable.

The railways needed annual investment of between £1.2 and £1.4 billion. "It is not getting that investment and that is why it is not performing the way it should," Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of British Rail, said yesterday.



Love lost for labour, the statue of Eros is removed from Piccadilly Circus in London for repairs. It usually receives the attentions of new year revellers

Barrister selection scheme attacked

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS by the Bar to restrict the number of student barristers have been condemned by Sir Bryan Carsberg, the Director General of Fair Trading, as "significantly anti-competitive" and amounting to a quota system.

New arrangements which the Bar Council wants to introduce in September 1994 would end the profession's traditional open door policy and introduce a rigorous selection system which would weed out up to 400 students.

In a letter to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Sir Bryan says: "I believe the proposed quota system significantly restricts. distorts and prevents com-

The proposals, he says would give the Bar 'unlimited discretion not only over the appropriate academic standards for applicants to the vocational course but also over how many barristers they wish

The Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 requires any new training proposals for the profession to be approved by Lord Mackay after receiving advice from Sir Bryan, who

rules should not be approved unless they are subject to a time limit and quotas are

The Bar's training course is already being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality over claims that the examinations favour candidates who are not from ethnic minorities.

Anthony Thornton QC. chairman of the Bar's professional standards committee. said that the Bar faced difficulties which Sir Bryan recognised.

"At a time of diminishing demand for legal services, we are being engulged by a tidal wave of applications," he said. Each year there was a rise of o to 10 per cent in the number of law graduates wanting to become barristers and a further rise in non-law

"The maximum number the school can take is about 1.000 and by 1993-4 it is estimated there will be 3,000 applicants," he said. The Bar had proposed that its new entry scheme would be a solution for three years, In the meantime it had set up a review of education

BR chairman warns against sell-off

By A STAFF REPORTER

vate sector."

THE government's plans to privatise the railways would result in private companies putting profit before safety and reliability. Sir Bob Reid, the chairman of British Rail, warned yesterday.

The government intends to go ahead next year with a bill to divide BR in two: one organisation to own the track and operate the signals; the other to operate the train companies. Sir Bob argued in favour of building on what BR had achieved rather than restructuring it.

"If you start to break it up and you disrupt it, you will break the momentum; you will give yourself major safety validation problems ... and you will not get a better service for some long time to come," he told BBC Radio 4's The World This Weekend.

It was "too strong" to say the new gystem would never work. he said, but added that it would be a different service to what Britons were used to: "People will want to do things in different ways. They will want to run trains at different times. They will want to act competitively. They may want to run a bus service at the end of the train service so they may not be too interested in timetabling together.

"I think a commercial operator will find a whole variety of ways to improve their commercial position and that will not be consonant with running a social service railway." He said BR's main job was to supply travellers with a safe and reliable service. "I am not driven to make profit. My

priorities within the public

sector are totally different from

running a railway, and aban-don their unworkable plans for privatisation". He added: "I fear that, for fulfilling his duty to express honest doubts and concerns. of concerted Tory abuse. They would do better to listen to the immensely important points which he has raised, and act

accordingly."

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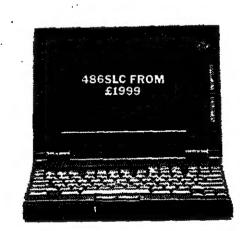
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Ministers protect their minder teams By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent officers, provides more than **OBJECTIONS** by senior poli-486SLC2 FROM 100 armed men from a unit ticians are delaying plans by known as the A squad. The royalty and diplomatic protec-Scotland Yard to merge VIP, royalty and diplomatic protection group has 847 officers and guards the royal family, royal residences and embas sies. Late last year it also took over responsibility for the Palace of Westminster. Having just one protection unit would offer cost and manpower savings and end the Special Branch role. Officers would spend only a few years in the unit instead of

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tion squads into a single special protection Cabinet ministers are said to have complained that the changes would end the continuity and rapport that now exists between protection offi-

cers and the people they are looking after, making life even more difficult and restrained. Armed protection is provided for about 50 people including John Major and other cabinet members, former

prime ministers such as Margaret Thatcher and some forministers and Opposition politicians. Key diplomatic figures such as the Israeli ambassador are protected by the Special Branch, which also guards

Salman Rushdie, the novelist facing a death threat from Moslem fundamentalists. Senior Yard officers have been working with the Home Office to find a solution to the opposition to the plans, which have also been delayed by internal problems and divisions over the wisdom of the change. After 15 months no final decision has yet been

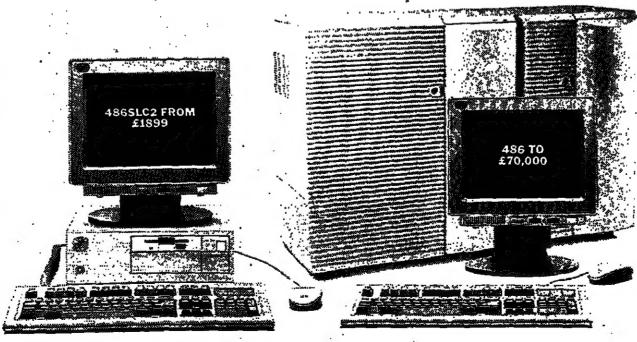
taken on implementation. The plans follow an examination by the Yard last year of the current protection system. Special Branch, with 523

remaining on protection duties for large parts of their

But one officer with protection experience said: "Put yourself in the position of the people who are being protected. Someone is going to live in your pocket most waking hours and won't be far away when you are asleep. Protection can be very wearing and obtrusive. A rapport builds up. If someone wants to change the system, some of the VIPs are questioning the need for it."

Margaret Thatcher, for example, is still guarded by a team which accompanied her when she was prime minister. Several of the officers volunteered to move back from other duties to join her.

The plans are also questioned within the Yard, where the Special Branch would eventually lose a sizable part of its responsibilities.



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X-rays reveal Jeni's secrets 3,000 years on

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

THE secrets of an Egyptian examination at St Thomas's was carried out by a team led mummy have been revealed by Stephen Hughes of the in detail for the first time in Britain without having to medical physics department. remove it from its protective Jem was chosen because she dates from the twenty-first dynasty (1085-945 BC), when cask. A team from St Thomas's Hospital, London, used the art of embalming reached the latest X-ray scanning techniques to get precise pictures of the mummy's body and skull that previously could be obtained only by and plaster and fitted easily unwrapping - and thereby destroying — it.
The 3,000-year-old mum-

sessions, were stored on magmy of the priestess Tjentmutengebtiu, known as Jeni netic tape and converted into three-dimensional images by for short, is from the British Museum collection. Dr Jefa set of computer profrey Spencer, of the museum, said: "Very few [mummies] are in good enough condition grammes developed at St Thomas's. Their usual purpose is to help to find the precise position of brain to last very long if they are unwrapped. Once, private tumours. collectors of mummies would One of the most interesting findings was the excellent condition of Jeni's teeth. have 'unrolling parties', when they would unwind the bandages surrounding the bod-

ies, but nobody would dream

of doing that today." The

its peak in Egypt. She was enclosed in a decorated coffin made of a mixture of linen Old meets new: the 3,000-year-old cask of Egypt's priestess Tjentmutengebtiu enters St Thomas's computerised tomography scanner into the computerised tomography scanner at the hospital. in ancient Egypt, fre-The scans, made in five quently being worn right down to the gums. The images, which show teeth in good condition and wisdom teeth that have only just erupted, mean that Jeni must have been between 19 and 23

when she died. Previously the museum had put her age between 25 and 40. The images also confirm that the brain had been removed and replaced with a piece of linen stuffed into the skull through the nose. The Coarse grit from the mill-stones used to grind corn meant that teeth had a short Egyptians themselves left no

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documentary accounts of mummification, so scholars have had to depend on an account written much later by the Greek historian Herodotus. Dr Spencer said the study of Jeni shows that Herodotus was accurate.

The images also show a hawk lying on Jeni's chest and a scarab over her feet. Her eyes had been replaced by artificial eyes, probably made of obsidian. A plate covers the hole in the left

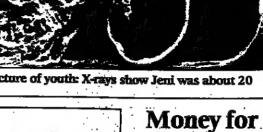
which the liver, stomach, lungs and intestines were removed: "The images show that Jeni was in a very good state of preservation," Mr Hughes said. "We have been able to find out a lot of new things about her that would have been impossible without this technique."

The British Museum and

St. Thomas's may examine further mannies from the collection, perhaps choosing several from different periods to study the change in em-



Picture of youth: X-rays show Jeni was about 20



tidal power dries up

By NICK NUTTALL

THE Mersey tidal barrage project, intended to generate non-polluting electricity and provide jobs in one of Britain's hardest hit cities, appears to be

heading for closure.

Requests for £14 million for the final development phase are being ignored by the trade

and industry department.

James McCormack, secretary of the Mersey Barrage Company, the consortium behind the scheme, said yesterday. "The funds were for preparing the project for Parliament, but officials and min-

The scheme has cost government and private industry £8 million. New figures indicate the complete project would cost £900 million, £60 million less than previous estimates. and could save 750,000 tonnes of coal annually and provide 5,000 jobs.

isters seem to be against it."

Soldiers killed in jungle

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Four British soldiers died and 11 were slightly hurt when their lorry overturned on a jungle road in Belize, Central America.

The men were travelling. from a camp near the border with Guatemala to Ridean, the headquarters of the Royal Highland Fusiliers, the resident infantry battalion in the former British colony.

The dead men were named as Fusilier Tony McAnally, from Port Glasgow, Strathclyde, Trooper Shaun Multoe from West Yorkshire, Trooper John McConnel, and Fusilier B. M. Luker from the Isle of Аптап.

Human torch

A man who poured petrol over himself in his lounge at Normanton, Derbyshire and set fire to himself was critically ill in the burns unit in Nottingham City Hospital. Friends tried to save him when he ran flaming into the

Gas tap alert

A pensioner who forgot to turn off the gas when he went out caused an alert in Southamp-ton. Police diverted traffic while firemen and gas company staff wearing breathing apparatus hunted the suspected leak. They had to break into the house.

Bus reprieve For the third time, Volvo has

postponed closure of its bus plant at Workington, Cumbria, which employs 150 people. The delay, until July, followed an order from Strathdyde for 52 buses.

Likely title

Wiltshire Community Fourtdation has given £500 to the immates of Erlestoke Prison. near Devizes, to help them stage the Christmas musical True As I'm Stood 'Ere It Wasn't Me Your Honour.

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Labour urged to back selective welfare benefits

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

he said.

JOHN Smith, the Labour leader, was challenged yester-day to abandon traditional Labour thinking on welfare policies and his own support

for universal benefits.

Frank Field, chairman of the Commons social security select committee, urged Mr Smith to promote a new agenda of work, weslih and

opportunity.

Mr Field, Labour MP for Birkenhead, said an increasing proportion of the electorate saw Labour as a backwardlooking party, intent on holding them down. "Make the changes now or they will have to be made after a fifth election defeat. The need is to take welfare out of the ghetto

and place it firmly as part of the debate on Britain's economic and industrial future,"

At the launch of the Coun-mission on Social Justice last Thursday, Mr Smith under-lined his cautious approach to policy changes by reiterating Labour's commitment to universal benefits such as child benefit and pensions.

Mr Field said yesterday that there should be no sacred cows, and universal benefits should be thrown into the review being carried out by the social justice commission.

He urged Mr Smith to reconsider whether all pensioners should have their benefit uprated in line with prices, or whether the money should be targeted to the

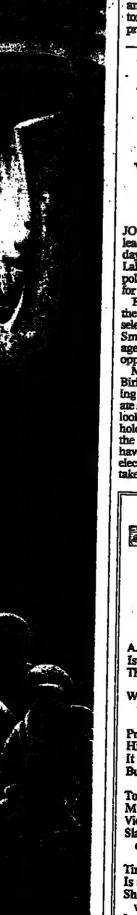
poorest groups.

In a background paper for the Fabian Society's new year conference on the future of the welfare state, Mr Field calls for a rethink of two centuries of welfare tradition. "The task facing Labour now is nothing less than designing policies that lock an ever-increased proportion of the population into an income from work and Welfare."

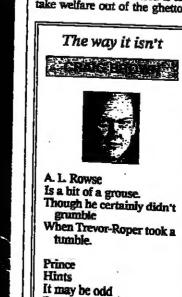
Mr Field points out that the richest 10 per cent of pensioners have an income more than six times higher than the poorest. "Should future increases go to rich and poor pensioners alike? Or should the whole of the increase for each year's uprating go to the poorest pensioners alone?" he

Pension provision accounted for nearly a third of social security benefits, it had a substantial private sector provision, and acted as a bridge with industrial policy through the assets held by private sector schemes, Mr Field

Pension reform should aim to give pensioners control over their own pension capital, said' Mr Field. He called for a move towards money pur-chase schemes, which are more flexible and rely less on







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Serbia votes for president as US and Britain issue 'no-fly' zone ultimatum

Opposition in Belgrade alleges poll corruption

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN

SERBIAN opposition parties cried fraud yesterday soon after polling stations opened in elections regarded as the most important Balkan poll since the end of communism.

Telephones rang continuously in opposition party headquarters as people called in from across Serbia to com-plain of irregularities. "If this trend continues, the election will have to be annulled," Svetlana Knezeva, of the Democratic party election

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committee, said. The country's voters went to the polls to choose'a new president. The main contenders were the incumbent, President Milosevic, and his main rival, Milan Panic, the Serbian-American businessman. They also voted for the Serbian assembly, the parliament of the rump Yugoslavia and for local representatives. Montenegrins voted in parallel elections. In Serbia's southern province of Kosovo, whose population is 90 per cent ethnic Albanian, Serbs voted in force, but Albanians kept their pledge to boycott the

Most people who rang in to complain said that they had discovered that their names had been left off the registers and that people long dead were still on them. Opposition parties had warned people to check the lists, claiming that

their sympathisers, who had boycotted other recent polls, had been struck off the new

Eve-of-election polls indicated that Mr Panic and Mr Milosevic were running neck and neck, but a straw poll at voting stations around Belgrade indicated that support for Mr Milosevic was holding to wall Support for Mr Penic up well. Support for Mr Panic was solid only in a village inhabited by ethnic Slovaks.

In Belgrade's industrial sub-urb of Rakovica the faded words "Viva Yugoslavia" could still be seen painted on the wall of the building where the poll was being held. A fresh, double-size "Serbia" had been painted on the next wall. "Milosevic is one of the greatest Serbs in history," one voter said. Support for Mr Milosevic was by no means solid however, with a sizeable proportion voting for parties that regard him as far too soft on the national question.

An accountant, 30, said that she was voting for an extreme nationalist party because "Serbs must have their state wherever they have their houses, their churches, their children and their faith". In Pancevo, in Serbia's ethnically mixed northern province of Vojvodina, support for Mr Panic was stronger, but far from overwhelming. "Panic would make this place another Panama," one voter said.

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EC poised to tighten Serbian blockade

By George Brock

EC FOREIGN ministers will taken if Mr Milosevic beats today discuss appointing a 'sanctions supremo" to supervise the tightening of the economic blockade around Serbia if Slobodan Milosevic wins re-election as its presi-

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dent. While economic sanctions directed at Belgrade have been overshadowed by the debate over possible military action against Serbia. most EC governments believe tougher measures should be

his more moderate challenger, Milan Panic

One suggestion being discussed at the moment is the joint appointment, with the United Nations, of a senior international civil servant or politician who can co-ordinate the work of plugging the loopholes in the present embargo. "It's all a bit diffuse at the moment, "a British official said yesterday. "There's no central point of authority and the UN doesn't have very good methods of making it work. It's all very ad hoc."



Power play: Milan Panic arriving to cast his vote in Belgrade. Support for his rival, President Milosevic, was said to be holding up well

Air ban aims to paralyse strategic centre

By Roger Boyes, east europe correspondent, and Michael Evans, defence correspondent

THE ultimatum given to the Serbs yesterday by America and Britain is more than a face-saving device it could have a decisive effect on the war in Bosnia.

The main point of enforcing the "no-fly" zone is to warn, escort to base, or even shoot down war planes criss-cross-ing the air space over Bosnia. Most Western military analysts agree that this alone will not have much impact since few Serbian operations are backed by aircraft.

However, it also poses a direct threat to Banja Luka. site of the Serbian forward air base in Bosnia and a fortified headquarters for Bosnian Serbs. It is a prime resupply centre for fighters throughout the region. If Banja Luka and the narrow corridor that is used to transport supplies from Serbia are disabled, the Serbs will be in danger of losing an important chunk of

northern Bosnia. Apart from the psychological impact - showing the Serbs that their army is not invincible and the West is not paralysed - a firmly enforced no-fly" zone could thus play an important military function. British doubts about subscribing to the UN resolu-

their captured terrain in

tion - giving the Serbs 15 be as menacing as it has been days to stop fighting before policing the skies — have centred on the questionable value of the "no-fly" zone. The notional gains of such a zone seemed slender indeed comportrayed by the Bosnian Serbs. Nonetheless, the large pared to the risks to the British ground troops. There was some British cynicism, too, about the motives of the noisiest of the interventionist states, America and France.

The Bush administration would perhaps like to be

seris. Nonemeless, the large contingent of British soldiers in Bosnia has made Britain something of a hostage of the Bosnian Serbs. Certainly, Radovan Karadzic and his warnings of revenge are taken far more seriously in London than elsewhere in Europe. Dr Karadzic - celebrated as an epic poet on BBC television last week — feels that Britain is one of the weak links in the

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remembered in terms of heroic war leadership — but it is the Clinton administration that will have to pick up the pieces if it all goes terribly wrong.

As far as the French government is concerned, there are difficult parliamentary elec-tions in March; a successful war could provide a useful electoral bonus. Britain, in short, felt ex-

posed, with little to gain and much to lose. The meeting between Mr Major and President Bush at the weekend has shifted the terms of Whitehall calculations. Now, it is admitted, there are military gains from a "no-fly" zone, and the risk to British troops may not

Western chain: Although Lord Owen is part of the UN peacebroking process, he is viewed by Dr Karadzic as essentially a British politician. He thus takes heart when Dr Owen spends three and a half hours talking to him about the future

of Bosnia, while America is

identifying him as a suspected

war criminal

Enforcing the "no-fly" zone, toughening sanctions and other international measures do paper over the cracks in the European and American political thinking about Bosnia. Is the Western aim still to reestablish the territorial integrity of Bosnia - recognised as an independent state by the

European Community - or has this been quietly dropped? Lord Owen and his fellow UN peace-broker, Cyrus Vance, have put forward a constitutional package for a decen-tralised Bosnia divided into ten or more virtually autonomous provinces. But the plan does not seem to have gone much beyond the drawing

Slowly the stark choice is

emerging: to launch a fullscale intervention in Bosnia with the aim of restoring the administrative hub of the republic, ending "ethnic cleansng", closing down camps and declaring the republic a UN protectorate until an equitable political solution is found; or to accept a partition of Bosnia between Serbia and Croatia with a small stretch of land left for the Muslim population. The latter option has always been more attractive to the pragmatists in Whitehall, though it cannot be stated publicly. Yet even the partitioning of Bosnia needs a degree of Western military participation if only to protect Boenian Muslim enclaves.

With the threat of retaliation by the Serbs on British troops in Bosnia, the defence ministry in London has drawn up a number of options. Reinforce-

ment, with added firepower, seems the most likely if the Serbs begin a deliberate campaign of antillery and mortar attacks. Before the British troops went to Bosnia, ministers had given a warning that they could be withdrawn if they suffered substantial casualties. However, there is a determination among ministers to maintain the humanitarian mission which they believe is succeeding, despite Serbian obstruction, bad weather and appalling convoy

routes along mountain tracks. Despite the reluctance to withdraw the troops, the contingency planning is going ahead so that the government can make a choice in the event of a dramatic increase in Serbian attacks. Withdrawal would probably also involve temporary reinforcement to enable the troops to leave central Bosnia under armed protection. Such an option would be opposed by the soldiers who would regard it as a humiliation.

The third option would be to maintain the 2,400 troops in Bosnia without adding to the British presence, continuing with the relief operation in the hope that the Serbs see sense and keep their aircraft out of the skies.

Senate sends **Fabius** for trial

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

THE French senate voted yesterday by 286-1 to send Laurent Fabius, the Socialist party leader, and two former ministers to trial over the HIV blood affair.

The decision, sought by President Mitterrand as a way of clearing the air, marks the final act in an "annus horribilis" for French politicians and guarantees a poisonous climate in the campaign for the general election

due in March. In a theatrical appearance before the National Assembly on Saturday, the former prime minister, 46, depicted himself as a no-ble victim volunteering himself for sacrifice. "Innocent and recognised as such. I come before you to ask you to charge me with errors I did not commit,"

Pallid and dressed in a black tie and suit that gave him the air of an undertaker, a trembling M Fabius paused for the television cameras as he cast his ballot into the ceremonial urn used for parliamenta-

The rare Sunday senate session endorsed the National Assembly's decision on Saturday to send the one-time "dauphin" of M Mitterrand, along with Georgina Dufoix and Edmond Hervé, former



the parliamentary tribunal to answer for their actions in 1985. That year, M Fabius's government allowed blood known to be contaminated with the Aids virus to be distributed for transfusion

More than 1,000 people are estimated to have acquired the HIV virus from the transfusions during the three months in question in 1985 and over 200

'More work needed' on Start II

FROM REUTER

THE United States and Russia have made real progress in negotiations on additional cuts in long-range nuclear weapons but are not yet ready the sign a Start II treaty. resident Bush said yesterday. President Yeltsin surprised dicials in Washington last eek when he said that a Start agreement was in hand and ould be signed before President Bush handed over to Bill dinton, the president-elect, on January 20.

"I can tell you it is not agreed totally. We have made ime real progress," President lush said after holding a 35ninute telephone conversation with President Yeltsin. The discussion between the two leaders came during a neeting at the Camp David presidential retreat between President Bush and John

President Bush disclosed the call, which apparently also focused on Bosnia and the political situation in Russia, at iress conference with Mr Major after the two men returned to the White House. He lid not elaborate on what progress has been made in the nuclear arms negotiations, but American officials sought to dampen speculation that President Bush and President Yeltsh might meet in Alaska to sign an accord early next

Stat II would eliminate all land-based multiple warhead missile, the most dangerous and destabilising in either country's nuclear arsenal, and reduce both the sides' total stockpiles of warheads by up to

Moscow radicals to stay in cabinet

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yellsin prised agreement yesterday from Viktor Chernomyrdin, his new prime minister, that the core of radical ministers would stay on after rumours that conservatives were planning to pack the cabinet with advocates of slower market reforms.

The new cabinet will be announced tomorrow and Mr Yeltsin has been pressing Mr Chernomyrdin, a moderate conservative, to retain key ministers appointed under Yegor Gaidar, the ousted acting prime minister, as a warantee that the substance of reforms will not change. With confusion persisting about Mr Chernomyrdin's



Chernomyrdin: says market not a panacea

policy intentions, Mr Yeltsin wants to make dear that he will not tolerate attempts to put Russia back on the road to centralism.

After several hours of talks between the president and the prime minister, Mr Yeltsin's spokesman, Vyacheslav Kostikov, said that the government "maintains its loyalty to the idea of transition to a market

economy and intends to contimue the reform course". There was no statement on the meeting from Mr Chemomyrdin's side. Earlier, Mr Yeltsin had cut

short his visit to China and flown back to Moscow after receiving reports of an attempt to dismember his government by packing it with conserva-tives. Mr Yeltsin's decision to return seems to have been linked to an article in Izvestia that quoted Arkadi Volsky, the influential conservative, as saying that there would be major changes in the cabinet. Mr Kostikov reinforced ru-

mours of a conservative cabal around the industry-led Civic Union seeking to capitalise on Mr Yeltsin's weakness in the aftermath of the Congress of People's Deputies and his absence from the country, complaining that "certain political figures and parties are becoming too active in questions concerning the formation of the government".

Mr Chernomyrdin, while repeating his commitment to reform has said that he will not tolerate the impoverishment of Russia and that he favours' "the market but not the bazaar". Before yesterday's meeting, he again qualified his support for reform, saying: The market alone is not a panacea. Many countries have been living for a long time with market conditions and still not resolved their social

Mr Yeltsin is clearly anxious to restore his authority, dented by the loss of Mr Gaidar at the hands of the congress last week. He cannot have been reassured to find hostile manocurring starting as soon as his back was turned.

Why Russians heed their master's voice

BY ANNE McELVOY

Dresident Yeltsin's statement on his sudden return from China, "The master must return to restore order," was delivered with the grin of a man well aware that while the cat is away the mice will play.

But his words were also selected for their resonance in a culture traditionally dominated by the masterservant relationship and the notion of individuals whether tsars or communists — destined to rule.

In its modern context the word Mr Yeltsin chose, khozyain, means "the boss". derived from its earlier meaning of "master". It is an image which he has long cultivated, nodding towards the idea of that only an authoritarian leader can stop the place falling apart.

Russians live in a state of permanent disorder but this does not stop them fearing it and placing their faith in anyone who can re-store calm. Bezkhozny (literal translation - "without a master") means a slovenly. chaotic state of affairs in which no one is responsible and which was often used to describe Soviet enterprises.

But the word has echoes of a divine right to rule. Khozyain originally meant "God" and later "the world" and later still "master". evoking the chain of authority from God to man on which the divine right of the tsars was based. The Romanov dynasty clung to that concept, and the tsar's title was "master of the Russian

lands" . Khozyain conveys the idea of a strong, benevo-

lent ruler. Titles suggesting authority generally have positive connotations in Russian and rather negative ones in

domination.

self as a vhozd, equivalent to Il Duce or Der Führer. Bulgakov, in his novel The Master and Margarita chose the word "master" to reflect spiritual and intellectual predominance rather than the more common Russian words suggesting

The image of the master I returning to restore order among unruly officials and peasants often appears in 19th century literature, particularly Turgency and Tolstoy. In the first epilogue of War and Peace, the threat posed to the nobility when Prince Bolkansky dies is averted by the timely arrival of Nikolai Rostov to maintain the patriarchal order and whom the peasants greet as "a real khozyain".

Mr Yeltsin, threatened by

political rivals, is keen to reinforce the idea that strong leadership is desirable. In Nikolai Nekrasov's poem The Forgotten Village the master is absent and his stewards vie for power conditions not unlike those which break out in Moscow when the leader turns his back. The peasants long for the return of a strong hand. Finally the estate owner returns, but in a coffin : an image Mr Yeltsin will prefer

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Rabin expulsions drive PLO into the arms of militants



Rabin: admitted he may

MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT

AS ARAB-Jewish violence intensifies, the prospects for a revival of the Middle East peace talks are growing more remote. On the eve of a visit designed to boost the European Community's profile in the troubled region, Willy Claes, the Belgian foreign minister, voiced the widely held opinion that the mass expulsions will weaken the hand of those moderate Palestinians willing to negotiate.

"I hope the peace talks continue but am uncertain how they can be restarted", Mr Claes said in reference to the Palestine Liberation Org-anisation's declaration that it will never return to the table until the 415 deportees are

Labour may achieve what had seemed impossible: an Arafat-Hamas reconciliation

peace process," Sari Nusseibeh, a leading academic working with the Palestinian delegation, said yesterday after a meeting of Palestinian activists in support of the deportees in Jerusalem. "We cannot continue with the peace process unless Israel goes back on its decision."

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, countered the avalanche of world criticism and growing doubts among domestic commentators by asserting that the talks would go on despite the Arab protests. "Even if the Palestinians do not come to the talks, the Arab states will continue the process with us", he told Yediot Aharonot. As criticism in the Israeli press grew, Mr Rabin

quirements for survival.

The UN personnel, Leba-

nese Red Cross rescuers and journalists were the only people that the Lebanese army

allowed into the no man's land. Scores of local Lebanese

political leaders, Muslim fun-

damentalists from Hezbollah,

and Palestinians living in

into the camp.

Lebanon were denied entry

Our main driving force is

our faith in God and in

Islam," said the deportees'

spokesman, Abdul-Aziz

Rantisi. He emphasised dur-

ing a press conference held at

the door of his tent that there

were no armed men within his

group.

We are a constellation of Palestinian intellectuals. Our

struggle is to expose Israel and

let the world know about the

ordea of the Palestinian people. We are not fighters

and we are not terrorists," he said in perfect English.

According to Mr Rantisi,

108 deportees were prayer

leaders or imams at mosques,

ten were doctors, 18 engi-

neers, 18 had university doc-

torates, 25 were lecturers at

acknowledged that he might have misjudged the situation. The result was less positive than we thought," he said. Western diplomats believe

that Israeli intelligence gravely underrated the willingness of the new Lebanese government of Rafik Hariri to keep out the deportees and thus revive world concern about the Palestinian problem not seen since the intifada began in December, 1987. It has been noted that between three million and five million Palestinians also live as exiles.

By threatening to "storm" back into Israeli-held territory on Wednesday if progress is not made to return them by diplomatic means, the deportees have signalled a grasp of

the publicity potential now open to them. Many journalists pointed out that, without the furore over the expulsions, the shooting dead by the Israelis of six Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and one in the West Bank would have rated nothing like the coverage it received. "This has become a public relations disaster," an Arab official said. "That is about the only hope we have that they might reverse the decision but we are not

Far from strengthening the Palestinian moderates, the crisis has helped bridge differences between the PLO, which for 14 months had supported the peace talks, and Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement which has vowed to

sabotage them.
Leading representatives of the two groups - whose ened civil war in the occupied

territories - are to meet in Tunis to discuss a coordinated response to the expulsions. A call for increased anti-Israeli violence is considered inevitable. A previous attempt at reconciliation failed when the Hamas team did not arrive in Sudan as arranged. Yassir Arafat, 62, the PLO chairman who was scathing about Hamas, has changed his tone since the deportations, now referring to the Iranian-funded extremists as a

patriotic force". A key factor in increasing international condemnation of Israel has been its inability to control media, particularly television, coverage of the plight of the freezing but deliant Palestinian fundamentalists in their bleak no man's land between Lebanon proper and the Isreali-occupied buffer zone of southern Lebanon. Their encampment threatens to become a perma-



nent symbol of Israeli heavy-handedness in dealing with Arabs. While Mr Rabin's Labour party, which raised such hopes for peace with its election triumph in June. dis-missed fears that the expulsions would undermine

the peace talks, Israeli rightwingers, who always opposed negotiations, endorsed Mr Rabin's actions; The hardliners feared that continuing the peace process would force Israeli withdrawal from

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Arab land. Some Western officials believe that there is a strong faction inside the Israeli establishment which would prefer Hamas as the main Palestinian representative -- it already claims to speak for 40 per cent of the people who are under occupation — because that would lessen the chance of international sympathy forc-

ing Israeli concessions. The New York Times was among those who are de-manding rapid action by President-elect Bill Clinton to try to rescue the peace talks. "The Middle East peace process cannot wait until January 20."

Court fight, page

Deported elite defies Israel and winter in tent village exile

From Ali Jaber in Mari Az-Zahour

BY DAYBREAK yesterday in this hillside of no man's land, from Israel three days ago lined up behind a bearded cieric to take part in morning prayers. Bare-footed, everybody knelt and then stood up humming Koranic verses. They repeated with the shaikh prayers to God to protect their families and mosques.

It was the start of the third day for these men away from their homes. Nevertheless they have managed in a short time to organise their lives under sometimes impossible weather and accommodation conditions. The deportees arrived here at midnight on Thursday after they were dragged from their homes and jail cells in Israeli-occupied Gaza. The Lebanese army prevented them from entering the country and squeezed them into this three-mile-long buffer area, only a stone's throw away from Israeli guns in the

After the 15-minute ritual. the deportees immediately divided themselves into committees and took charge of

troops swept ashore early yes-

terday to secure Kismayu, the

port city that is the key to

resuming relief operations in

the so-called "dark zones" of

Shortly after dawn, more

than 300 American marines

landed by amphibious vessels

and helicopters from offshore warships as American war-

planes from the carrier, USS

Kitty Hawk, flew low overhead

southern Somalia.

education. "They came and said they wanted to move the tents because the engineers among them say it will work better if they are in a different configuration," a relief official at the camp said. "I told them, 'Fine. Do what you want. Just don't drag me into it.' They're incredible. They know what they're doing."

It is the make-up of this fresh group of deportees that explains their savoir vivre. They are all prominent educated figures of Gaza, gathering among them 14 doctors, 23 university lecturers, engi-

neers and 120 mosque cierics.
"We have a society that can stand on its own," remarked one of the deportees, Abu-Laila Salhawi, 40, a chemist from Khan Younis.

"We have two cooks from Najah university. We have construction workers who set up the tents and doctors maintaining round-the-clock medical services," he said.

United Nations convoys carrying food supplies, water reservoirs, heaters and ovens shuttled between the camp and the liberated Lebanese cleaning, information and them with the minimum re-

in city of looters

By Martin Fletcher in Washington

AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

and 250 held bachelor He said that the aim behind their deportation was to "emp-ty the occupied territories from Arab brains and intelligen-tsia". He called on his Hamas Marines land relief group, the Islamic Resistance Movement, to start a dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organisation and end the Middle East peace

> Many of the deportees were in prison before they were sent here. All of them felt happy to leave the cells and their Israeli jailers and breathe freedom, even if it was away from home.

However, amid the sky-high moral that pierces through the freezing cold in Marj az-Zohour, a touch of sadness can conour, a touch of sadness can easily be detected. "I miss my children and my wife," said Abu-Laila. "I am dead worried about their well-being and safety. I was their only bread earner," he uttered in trembling voice as his eyes

Another source of distress was a dozen men aged 60 or more. They cannot always cope, and sit helpless in a corner of their tents, praying. This was believed to be the

Israel digs in, page !



Sleeper awaits: a Palestinian dozing in the no man's land encampment at Marj az-Zahour after being deported from Israel last week

De Klerk purges military top brass

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

ordered the immediate compulsory retirement or suspension from duty of 23 officers of the South African Defence Force, including at least two generals and four brigadiers: an unprecedented purge of the South African military estab-

Mr de Klerk's action comes after last month's raid on a military intelligence unit by investigators of the Goldstone commission on violence when documents disclosing plans to implicate African National Congress members in crimes

were seized. Yesterday, white farmers threatened to take up arms and hunt down gangs of gurmen after a girl was shot dead in a midnight attack on an isolated farmhouse close to the border with Lesotho. Louing television with her brother and a friend at her home near Ficksburg in the Orange Free State, while her parents slept, when the attackers struck late

on Saturday night. They

PRESIDENT de Klerk has hurled a grenade which exploded outside, and opened fire with automatic weapons hitting Louise in the chest.

At a press conference in Cape Town on Saturday, Mr de Klerk said he thought the findings of the enquiry into the results of the Goldstone commission raid would "lead to the conclusion that some activities led to the deaths of people". The investigation into covert military activity is being carried out by Lieuten-ant General Pierre Steyn, the

chief of staff.
Visibly upset by General
Steyn's preliminary findings,
Mr de Klerk said there was evidence that the officers had links with right-wing organisations outside government and aimed to prevent us proceeding with our constitu-tional goals". Their names would be made public by the end of the month, but not those of what he termed their "civilian collaborators" — who would, however, be identified to the Goldstone commission and the police. Steps would be taken to prevent evidence being destroyed.

Most of the officers involved.

are believed to be linked to the military intelligence unit known as the Directorate of Covert Collections. The Afrikaans newspaper Rapport claimed yesterday that they included Brigadier Tolletjie Botha, head of the directorate. and Brigadier Ferdie van Wyk director of army communications operations. The defence force refused yesterday to comment on reports that the two axed generals were Major General Chris Thirion, deputy chief of staff, intelligence, and Major General Hennie Roux, army chief

Mac Maharaj, an ANC negotiator, said the organisation commended Mr de Klerk for acknowledging a situation that had long been plain to the ANC. but he had not gone far enough. Further investigations into all security agencies were needed and should in-volve all parties taking part in the talks, Mr Maharaj said.

In the area of the Orange Free State where the Saturday night raid took place, there have been many attacks on isolated farms by gunmen believed to hide in the mountains of Lesotho, and yesterday the Lesotho government as-sured Pretoria that it would give full co-operation in hunt-ing Louise Pretorius's killers. The South African foreign ministry said a joint police

operation was under way. However, Pieter Gouws, president of the Orange Free State agricultural union, said the farming community would have to reflect on whether to accept the government's position on safety in the area. "Possibly the farmers themselves will have to take attackers," he said.

Two posts on the border of the Eastern Cape with the nominally independent Transkei black homeland have been closed after gun-men wounded three whites driving home from a shopping trip on Saturday.

NEWS IN BRIEFE

War victims 'killed in cold blood'

San Salvador: A forensid science report into the worst massacre of El Salvador's 12year civil war says the victims were murdered in cold blood, a member of the investigating team announced.

Mercedes Doretti, an Ar-gentinian forensic anthropologist, ruled out government claims that the 143 victims could have been killed in combat between troops and left-wing rebels. The bodits were exhumed last month from the ruins of a small parish house in the remoe hamlet of El Mozote. (Reute)

Activists freed

Madrid: Equatorial Guina has freed more than a dozen opposition activists arrested last week, as well as two Span-ish businessmen who were in-prisoned for 12 years for alleged only plening (18) alleged coup plotting. (AP)

Water deaths

Delhi: At least 15 people were killed when an overhead water tank filled to its 450,000-gallon capacity collapsed in the southern Indian coastal cityof Vijayawada. A row of thatched huts was swept away. (AFP)

Kidnapper shot

San José: Orlando Ordoñez, 33, a former Honduran :oldier who kidnapped a Costa Rican government official last September, was killed by police in Belize after he abducted El Salvador's consulgeneral there. (Reuter)

Manager jailed

Peking: China jailed Zheng Hengkang, a company man-ager, for ten years for dereliction of duty and selling state secrets to a foreign reporter who was said to have published them in a newspaper in Hong Kong. (Reuter)

Bail rejected

Islamabad: A Pakistini antiterrorist court revoket bail for Salman Taseer, the spokesman for the opposition party of Benazir Bhutto. He is accused of sedition. (Reuter)

in a show of force. A British pilot, Royal Marine Captain Paul Denning, GULF OF ADEN

who flies a Cobra attack helicopter with his American counterparts, was involved in only the second incident to involve casualties when his aircraft came under fire from Somali gunmen in Mogadishu. They turned the helicopter's withering firepower on their attackers, killing at least two of them and wounding three in a clash that destroyed three of the makeshift battlewagons used by

"We were directly under threat so we had no choice. We responded straightaway and hit the vehicle with a 20mm gun," said Captain Denning, 31, from Bath. He described the clash last week as "a simple act of self-defence". Captain Denning added: "There have been no major incidents since then. It served as a warning here", said Paul Mitchell, of and they [the gunmen] took it the UN's World Food as such." In two other inci- Programme.

AMERICAN and Belgian dents in and around Mogadishu at the weekend, the International Committee of the Red Cross lost 30 lorries laden with food to looters and the marines shot and wounded a young Somali on a "technical" gun-wagon. But the landing was completed within three hours, and without a shot

> The joint force then had virtual control of a city where more than 60 had died only last week in fierce clan fight-ing involving an estimated 1,000 gunmen. Before yesterday, aid organisations had been almost unable to operate in Kismayu, with looters stealing up to 80 per cent of the relief supplies.

first time American and allied troops had made a joint amphibious landing since the second world war, and Colonel Bob Peck, the US Marine Corps spokesman, said the operation, under Belgian command, had gone "very well and very much according to script". Before the landing, American planes had dropped leaflets on the city explaining

the mission's purpose. Kismayu, 240 miles south of Mogadishu, has a Sovietbuilt deep-water harbour and one of only two airfields in Somalia capable of handling giant American transport planes. It will be used as the base for restarting relief operations in the interior of southern Somalia. Another 460 troops are expected to arrive from Belgium today and on Thursday to bolster the city's garrison.

Further north, a UN convoy carrying 300 tons of food left Mogadishu under armed escort for the town of Baidoa, 150 miles inland, which about 900 American and French troops secured last Wednesday. The convoy, carrying enough supplies to feed 100,000 people for a week, was "the beginning of the end of the humanitarian crisis

Cuban pilot drops back in to pick up the family FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ORESTES Lorenzo Peres, a former major in the Cuban air force who defected to America in a stolen Mig23 fighter plane in March last year, flew back to Cuba at the weekend on a daring mission to pick up the wife and two sons whom he left behind.

"It was all or nothing." Maria Victoria Rojas, his wife, said, adding that she had received instructions from her husband two days before the escape. "We were all running the risk together." For the second time in 20 months, Señor Lorenzo dodged Cuba's air defence radar system by flying low over the 90-mile wide Straits of Florida that separate Cuba from America. "If you do not hear from me in one hour, you know I failed and I am dead," Señor Lorenzo told friends before he left Marathon airport in the Florida

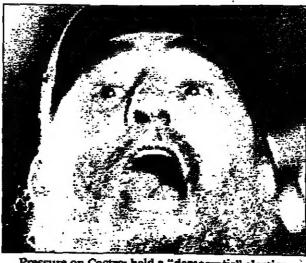
Keys, south of Miami.

Flying solo in a borrowed

Cessna 310 four-seat aircraft, Señor Lorenzo made the journey to the north coast of Cuba in 43 minutes, landing on the two-lane main road that runs along the north coast between Havana and the resort peninsula of Varadero.

Drivers on the busy road watched as Señor Lorenzo landed his plane between a bus and a lorry forcing traffic to halt. "I landed in front of a car and they all had to stop. I turned the plane around. I opened the door. They got in. And off we went," Señor Lorenzo said. Señora Lorenzo and her

two sons, Alejandro, six, and Reyniel, 11, had been waiting for five hours by the beach. "The children knew nothing, not even why we were there," Señora Lorenzo said. "It's your daddy — run!" she told the boys when they saw the plane. As they scampered across the road, Alejandro lost his shoes, but all three



Pressure on Castro: held a "democratic" election

made it on board safely and Señor Lorenzo headed back

A few minutes later, friends waiting in Marathon Key heard Señor Lorenzo's voice over the pre-arranged fre-quency. "At first I could not make out what he was saving." Kristina Arriaga said.
"Then I heard him say. 'A plane full of love is on its way and I knew everything was OK." The family arrived soon after in Marathon where they were met by friends and FBI

They switched planes to a

on to Opalocka airport in Miami where they were interviewed by journalists. "I brought my family to the US

and they are free now," Senor Lorenzo said. "It is the great-est feeling in the world." Miami's large Cuban exile community received Señor Lorenzo as a hero. "He makes James Bond look like a small boy," said a caller to a local

Spanish station.

Cuban poll: Cubans went to the polls yesterday in the country's first direct, secret ballot in almost 34 years of revolutionary rule under

President Castro. The government called the elections "the most democratic in the world" and told Cubans that it was their patriotic duty to vote. Few people expressed much inter-

est in voting because all the candidates have been picked by grassroots Communist party organisations.

Nationalists suffer severe setback in Taiwan polls

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN TAIPEI

TAIWAN'S ruling National- The DPP has exceeded its ist party, the Kuomintang, was dealt a heavy blow in the first free parliamentary elections here in more than 40 years, making reunification of the island with mainland China even less likely in the foreseeable future.

The Kuomintang (KMT) still remains securely in power, with a majority of 61.7 per cent of votes and 96 seats in Saturday's election. Its archrival, the Democratic Progress Party (DPP), some of whose leaders were previously in prison, and which has called for Taiwanese independence, narrowed the difference. They gained 36 per cent of the vote and 50 seats in the 161member Legislative Yuan.

James Soong, the secretarygeneral of the KMT, resigned last night, saying he was taking responsibility for the setback. "Our party is dissatisfied with the outcome, but we have to accept the voters' choice." A foreign academic noted: "These were the first really free elections in the



Bubbling: Hsu celebrates

Korean

electors

vote for

stability

Kim Young Sam, the candidate of the ruling Democratic Liberal party, as their presi-

dent, sending the first civilian

leader to the Blue House after

ment, the president-elect said that he would try to unify the

divided nation, work towards

broad domestic reforms, and

maintain traditional alliances with Japan and America.

comes as a reward for 30 years of dissident opposition and a deft and well-timed merger last year of his opposition

party with Mr Roh's ruling party. Reports put the turnout

at 80.4 per cent. Of that, Mr Kim won 42 per cent, giving him a higher margin than expected over Kim Dae Jung,

the leader of the main opposi tion Democratic party, who

The third main candidate,

Chung Ju Yung, 77, the business tycoon turned politi-

cian who founded Hyundai, South Korea's largest industri-

al conglomerate, had been expected to drain Kim Young

Sam's support and therefore boost Kim Dae Jung. Mr Chung won 16.2 per cent.

Mr Kim's unexpectedly

strong win betrays the fundamentally conservative nature of South Koreans who selected

the candidate representing stability and continuity over his professional firebrand opponent, Kim Dae Jung.

The election is being interpreted as testimony of the progress achieved by South Korea in the short period since

its military authoritarian rulers backed down in the face of

mass protests and granted free

On Friday, the three main

candidates, from very different

backgrounds, competed on tolerably equal terms, none of

them challenging any funda-mental precepts of govern-ment or society. Mr Kim will be judged by his ability to

reverse slowing economic growth and rising unemploy-

ment, inflation and corporate

elections in 1987.

took 33.9 per cent.

For Mr Kim, the presidency

Mr Kim will take over from President Roh Tae Woo in February. In his victory state-

30 years of military rule.

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widest expectations." Diplomats said the voting illustrated Taiwan was on its way to becoming a genuine demo-cracy, and proved to mainland Communist rulers that democracy was possible in a Chinese setting. Peking was unlikely to be happy over the growing calls for democracy here, and in Hong Kong.

The KMT has ruled Taiwan since the late General Chiang Kai-shek fled with his troops to the island in 1949 after defeat by Mao Tse-ung's Red Army.
Until the poll, the first
without the participation of
"old thieves", veteran mainland politicians who held sears representing "phantom" constituencies in pre-Communist China, the DPP held only 18 seats. In last year's national assembly election, the KMT won an overwhelming victory, garnering 70 per cent of votes. Arnid the pop of cham-

pagne corks at DPP headquarters, Shu Hsin-liang, the party chairman, said hence-forth Taiwan would have twoparty politics and that the DPP was working DPP was working towards eventually becoming the rul-ing party. Independents and KMT members running without party blessing received 15 seats. Hsu Hsao-dan, the stripper turned candidate who said she represented the poor and dispossessed, lost by only 107 votes against a powerful KMT businesswoman. Diplomats said the DPP's

strong showing made reunification — the goal of the Chinese Communists and the KMT, though each on its own terms — less likely in the short term. The DPP campaigned for democratic reform, social justice and a crackdown on corruption, while the KMT emphasised continued stability and prosperity under its

Kenyans plead for food airlift

Nairobi: Up to 180,000 people in northeast Kenya are in urgent need of food because FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN SEOUL IN WHAT was judged to have been Korea's fairest election. South Korean voters elected floods have out roads there. Kenya radio said.

The district commissioner at Garissa appealed for an airlift to move food to areas cut off after several weeks of heavy rain. The local famine relief committee estimated that 180,000 people were at risk because it was not possible to transport food to feeding centres. (Reuter)

Guns stolen

Berlin: Robbers slipped into the army headquarters for eastern Germany, overpow-ered guards, and got away with machineguns, assault ri-fles and bazookas. (AP)

Unita pulls out

Lishon: The opposition Unita movement has agreed to withdraw its troops from two northern Angolan towns and resume dialogue with the ruling MPLA. An American offi-cial said that talks could begin in the next few days. (Reuter)

Shop protests

Madrid: Thousands of Spanish shopkeepers gathered in the heart of Madrid's commercial district and clashed with police in a protest over the long hours kept by large de-partment stores. At least four poeple were hurt. (AP)

Anti-bribe drive

Algiers: Algeria has named ten magistrates to tackle a web of alleged corruption ranging from charges of bribes from foreign firms totalling £16.5 billion to smuggling through the Sahara desert. (Reuter)

Britons visited

Baghdad: A Russian diplomat Oleg Dessiantnikov who visited two imprisoned Britons, Michael Wainwright and Paul Ride, said that they were coping well and looking forward to Christmas gifts from their families. (Reuter)

Fatal abuse

Baltimore: Up to four US children die daily of abuse or neglect, a research centre survey said. Cases reported last year rose to 2.7 million, up from 2.5 million in 1990. (AP)



Prayer mission: Mother Teresa attending an inter-faith ceremony at the memorial to Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi yesterday to express anguish over the Ayodhya mosque destruction. Police, meanwhile, arrested Hindu protesters in the Indian capital

Khmer Rouge releases UN peacekeepers unharmed

FROM REUTER IN PHNOM PENH

KHMER Rouge guerrillas yesterday freed 11 UN peace-keepers, whom they had kidnapped and threatened to kill. the United Nations said. The confrontation was the most serious yet between the UN and the guerrillas, who are refusing to implement a peace agreement for Cambodia

signed last year. The 11 UN personnel — a Uruguayan officer, seven Uruguayan soldiers, an interpreter, a Russian helicopter pilot and a Russian military observer — were in good health after their two-day ordeal, Eric Falt, for the UN Transitional Authority in Cambodia (Untac), said.

The release came after more than four hours of negotiations at the hostage site in Kratie province, east-ern Cambodia, between Gen-eral Nuon Bunno, the senior Khmer Rouge military repre-sentative in Phnom Penh, and UN officials.

On Saturday, the local commander who took the men prisoner freed three other UN hostages to deliver a warning to Untac that the 11 would be killed and their helicopter destroyed if an attempt were made to rescue them by force. Mr Falt said the hostages and their helicopter arrived

safely in the town of Kratic, a

government-held provincial capital about 15 miles from the village of Stoeng Thom where they had been held since Friday. It was the fourth time this month that the Khmer Rouge had seized then released Untac peacekeepers,

but the first time the guerrillas had made a death threat. Khieu Samphan, the leader



of the Khmer Rouge, issued a statement yesterday accusing Untac of provoking the con-frontations by entering Khmer Rouge zones without permission. He said that that was part of a plot to discredit his group and mislead the UN Security Council into impos-

ing sanctions against it. Untac has acknowleged that the peacekeepers' heli-copter landed at Stoeng Thom without warning. That may have prompted a nervous local guerrilla commander to seize the aircraft and take the

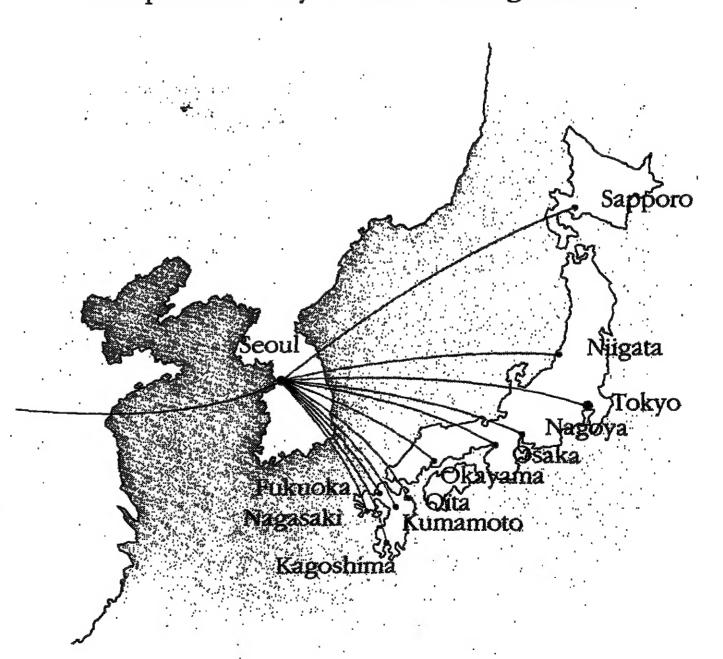
men hostage, Mr Falt said. On Saturday, Untac said that the peacekeepers had been invited to the village and described the bostage seizure as a "carefully constructed trap". It said that the hostage site was heavily mined and

defended by a force of at least 350 well-armed guerrillas. Untac's relations with the Khmer Rouge have deteriorated since the security coun-cil imposed trade sanctions against the guerrillas last month for refusing to implement the terms of the Cambodia peace accords signed in Paris last year.

The Khmer Rouge accuses Untac of not taking seriously its allegation that many Vietnamese soldiers are still in Cambodia. Vietnam says all its troops left in 1989. The Khmer Rouge wants the transfer of power from the Vietnamese-installed Phnom Penh government to a body in which all four Cambodian factions are represented.

The radical guerrilla group responsible for a reign of terror in the 1970s in which more than a million Cambodians were killed, refused to lay down its arms and allow peacekeepers into its zones as required under the accords.

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KOREAN AIR

Dietrich's daughter has come to terms with her bizarre, and sometimes cruel childhood, Alice Thomson reports

My life with mother Marlene

breasts. By the time she was seven she was used to sharing her scrambled egg with a different man every morning, and at 15 she was raped by her nanny, with her mother's consent.

Maria Riva, the daughter of Marlene Dietrich, is in London to talk about her book on her mother. The book is a nail-crunching eyebrow puller, which leaves you squirming in your seat. Dietrich, we discover, had men with every meal and women in between. She was also desperately callous, disgarding friends and lovers who had outrun their usefulness. After her affair with Yul Brynner, she wrote her daughter a note. "Goody goody. He has cancer! Serves him right!" While John Gilbert suffered a heart attack, Dietrich calmly went around his flat removing evidence of

Even if her mother had been a saint it would have been hard to cope. In her late fifties, Dietrich looked more beautiful than her daughter ever could. When Maria Riva herself opened on Broadway, aged 22, in

> 'If you don't know what a normal family is, how can you recognise that yours is abnormal?

The Burning Glass, she proudly posed with her mother for a photographer. When the picture was published, the caption read, "The one on the right is the mother.

Mrs Riva could have written a revenge story of Hollywood hell. But she is curiously unvengeful about the screen goddess and cabaret legend and her mother trusted her enough to give her all of her correspondence before she died, a reduse aged 90, in Paris this summer.

"If you don't know what a normal family is, how can you recognise that yours is abnormal?" Mrs Riva asks. 'My mother was in love or out of love continually. Wasn't every mother? When finally I did meet my first real family, the husband was sleeping with my mother and the wife would have liked to do the same."

Mrs Riva does not look like the victim of child abuse. She cackles uproariously at jokes, sometimes hugging you close to her, sometimes clutching your hand. She is distinctly Germanic, with heavy brows and cheekbones and an athletic figure. Her body is draped in grey cashmere wool and grey leggings (unlike her mother she prefets to keep her legs covered), relieved by some discreet

gold jewellery.
"Writing a book just because you are the son, daughter or maid of someone famous is very boring," she says. "I wrote about my mother because she was a lascinating woman, living in a fascinating time. If you write a book about revenge, it



"I wrote about my mother because she was a fascinating woman, living in a fascinating time": Maria Riva looks back without anger

shrivels you up. You have to get over all the emotional garbage to make any sense out of your life and those around you.'

The book is admirably objective, but how accurate does she think it is? After all, Dietrich herself used to say: "No one will ever enter my private world." "I am 68 — I had a long life with Dietrich." Mrs Riva says. "In order to survive an omnipotent goddess figure you have to know them extremely well. She wasn't one person, one goddess, one myth, she was a multi-faceted diamond."

Mrs Riva thinks that her mother's life was a tragedy. "She was so German in the way that Germans and especially Prusians — feel that they must earn their rightful position. and never csy. I remember those times—the decadence the adulation. the abundance of everything. She never enjoyed those days [the 1940s] because she was constantly working at being the legend."

Mrs Riva's hardest task was sorting myth from reality. "Marlene had the ability of instantaneous amnesia. She made her own world and the world aided and abetted her by accepting anything she said as gospel truth, even when it was obviously untrue."

As a result, her daughter is obsessively honest. "You and your goddam goddess truth," her mother used to say to her. But didn't she judge her mother at all, even once? "There is one place I have a right to judge my mother and that is my rape." she says calmly. "You do not take a virginal



Mommie dearest: Maria with her mother and father in 1936

unsupervised apartment with a clearly sexually aggressive male-female." Mrs Riva only compares herself

young girl and shut her up in an

wrote the revenge book Mommie Dearest. There is one scene where Joan Crawford is beating her daughter with a coathanger. The social worker is standing in the room and Crawford. That is the scene I connect with. There comes a point when you realise that you are absolutely helpless against the power of fame. You want to scream, she is not a god, but you are screaming into the darkness. No one wants to hear."

She is very matter-of-fact about her mother's love. "I respected Dietrich as a professional, but not as a human being. I never loved my mother. I had don't love queens, tou serve them. You wanted to please her and you wanted her to be satisfied with your

performance in doing so." Mrs Riva thinks that her mother would have accepted the book only if it was well-written, because she could not have borne her daughter not to be a good writer. When you tell Mrs Riva that the book is well-written, she squirms with pleasure. Despite never going to school, her prose reads beautifully and her New York pub-

ishers have now given her carte blanche to write a novel.

Hers are scars, not wounds. Her life has veered in the opposite direction from her mother's. She has been happily married for 45 years, has four children, and devotes much of her life to caring for cancer sufferers. She admits to having inherited her mother's discipline. 'My mother was neither a brilliant actress nor cabaret star but she did have a magnetic madness, and her discipline made it possible for her to be an incredible machine. I thought she did things beneath her dignity, but when she died she knew that she had done her duty."

She sees her mother's greatest gift as having shown women that they too could wear the trousers, could easily their own money, and live their own lives. Paradoxically, she says that although her mother loathed sex she always told her: "You have to go to bed with them, you know, because if you don't they will leave you."

fashioned remark isn't it? Something in her always wanted to be loved." As I leave, I ask if she would mind

being described as normal. Hugging me, she says: "If you're a teenage alcoholic who's been raped by a woman and tried to commit suicide, you have the right to take a little pride in the fact that people don't think that you are a raving lunatic. To be considered normal is dreamy." Mariene Dietrich is published this week

Married to your work

hose earnest aca-demics who specialise in First Lady studies will be hard at it this week. Their spouses will be left holding the pumpkin-pie as they flip distractedly through card-indexes, muttering about Eleanor Rooseveit and Rosalynn Carter, and drawing worrying par-allels with the second Mrs Woodrow Wilson, who kept the vice-president out of power after her husband had had a stroke. (She influenced world events considerably by the simple expedient of never letting anyone in to see the president unless they were in favour of the League of

For President-elect Clinton has confirmed it to the Wall Street Journal: Mrs Clinton is going to be in the cabinet. And anyone who doesn't like it - if I read his lips correctly - lump it.

No point in prejudging
the issue. As any First Lady

studies graduate will tell you. Mamie Eisenhower got hell for wearing silly little kiss-curls on her forehead, and even Martha Washington came under heavy fire over her desserts (untrustworthy foreign me-ringues instead of honest apple-pie). Mrs Clinton might as well go ahead: if you're going to be a butt of national abuse anyway, why not get a few useful amendments pushed through while you're about it?

nursing a certain glee at the example they are setting to private citizens nearer home. For two weeks ago, as the office party season opened, a grim warning was delivered by the Labour Research Organisation to British white-collar workers who - in defiance of probability and cruel strip-light-ing — find their colleagues attractive. "Button up your coat and head off home". was the researchers' advice. Don't let the party spirit drive you to a proposal. Martying colleagues gets you sacked.

What they had discovered

was that many employers still hold rigidly to the ancient rule that wives and husbands may not work in the same department sometimes even the same company. In a local authority housing department a industrial tribunal decided he had not been discriminated against because he was married - which would have been illegal — but because of whom he had married. So he lost. He

wasn't the only one. 1 was surprised to find that the old prejudice still has so much life in it. Clintons apart, it felt as if the last two decades had



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eroded it away. What about those office-ensemble TV series like Capital City, where Declan weds Michelle and all the Eurobond traders hug each other significantly at the wedding before racing back to corner the peseta? In real life, we are forever invited to marvel at Peter and Virginia Bottomley, the Branaghs. the Roddicks, and Richard Madeley and Judy Finnegan. For spouses to work together, an informed Martian would conclude, is the coming thing.

ut still the dread of it 6 endures. Opponents of Mrs Clinton clearly share with those British managers the fear that a constant sexual and marital subtext will influence every dealing, dispute or alliance between the husband and wife, excluding other col-leagues. (Ironically, this happens to be exactly the same fear working women have always had of men sneaking off during the coffee break to plot against them in the gents).

But firms which sack marrying colleagues are way off target. It is irregular passions in offices which cause the real trouble. Married couples cool down very rapidly, confine themselves to business talk at work and only sometimes, alone together in the lift, allow intimacy to break through in the form of curt mutual instructions about PTAs and Sanilav. They are little threat. If the Clintons disarm the doubters, they will do a lot of poor hard-working couples a great

And incidentally no, I am not grinding a personal axe. and I have twice narrowly avoided having to work together. The prospect appals him so much that he took to farming largely because he calculated that this is the only profession in which there is no risk of my turning up, beaming irritatingly, as his little helpmeet. Some men need, er. space. If Bill Clinton doesn't, bully

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Alternative Christmas in Totnes

The Devon guru Emma Lea sees no great cause to celebrate at this time

of year — but she is still happy

most people would not wish to be reminded that "there is only emptiness". But in the Devon town of Totnes, seekers of divine wisdom are soaking up this existential message from an unlikely spiritual guru: a 25-year-old Englishwoman named Emma Lea. "Most people despise Christmas because when they were children they were taught that there was magic outside of them," Ms Lea says. "Then they find out that Father Christmas is a lie and the pendulum swings to a bitter, blaming energy."

That the rather vague answer to this familiar childhood crisis is to "find the true source of love" does not put off Ms Lea's besotted followers. For Ms Lea and her partner Chris Orchard, 31, are proclaimed to be Enlightened Masters.

The couple believe in the transforming power of their own relationship. "The dynamic of Chris and I being together is the latest God technology," Ms Lea says. Gurus are traditionally ancient, hairy and Indian. Ms Lea and Mr Orchard offer a rather mundane, domestic and British kind of nirvana which stresses ordinariness, happiness and the transcen-

hristmas is a time when dental values of love and companionship. It is a personal rather than political goal: for instance, according to Ms Lea, the ordination of women priests is ultimately meaning-less. "They'll be just as unhappy," she predicts.

Two years after arriving in

Totnes — which has become a favourite haunt of disciples of the New Age — Ms Lea and Mr Orchard have gathered about 25 followers (or "seekers", as they call themselves) who attend their sessions every week. Each pays £6.50, and the divine duo charge another £5 for extra sessions. They also have followers in other southwestern towns, notably Stroud, and are fast expanding operations. "They are getting enquiries from all over the country," says Tim Rose, the secretary of the Chrisemma Foundation, an information centre set up to spread the

Every Sunday, in a smart new flat, the two sit beatifically on a sofa, while at their feet the seekers (who are generally in their thirties and forties) pour their hearts out from scatter cushions. The seekers are mostly middle-class and split equally between the sexes: there are painters, gardeners stranglehold on language, lit-and teachers, and their faith is erature and information:



Spiritual double act: Ms Lea and her fellow guru, Chris Orchard, advise disciples to "find the true source of love"

unshakeable "Chris and "Talking about truth is mascu-Emma are the fixed star in my line." But, on the other hand, universe," Jill Thomas says. Simon Dunster, a painter and decorator who moved from London to be near his gurus, says: "What they are doing is so important that I just knew I had to be near to them."

The Chrisemma Foundation has been set up for the benefit of the followers: there is a fanzine (which goes by the name of The Final Discovery and features confessional poetry), and there is talk of expan-

sion into other towns. Though they have traditionally made excellent saints, martyrs and mediums, women have hitherto rarely risen to the top of the spiritual tree. Ms Lea blames the male

she is hardly a pioneer of women's rights. "Most abuse of women is created by them fighting," she says. "But woman has suffered more than man, and through that she is more able to be in touch with the source of love." If Ms Lea can become a guru, then surely anyone can. But she always knew she was different, and has taken easily to the authority accorded to her by

Ms Lea had a conventional upbringing in Bristol - her father is a management consultant. She has lost touch with her parents, who may possibly

her disciples. Cynicism from

the outside world does not

am God" without trace of irony. After she met Mr Orchard, who has a background as a student of matters mystical, the couple decided their quest had ended and they became a spiritual teaching

owever, Ms Lea does not identify with the myriad forms of New Age dilettantism. Totnes is full of New Agers seeking glamorous spirituality. I'm not interested in that," she says.
They find us a bir threatening, because they are doing all

that stuff to remove themselves from relationships — to escape." Indeed, she and Mr Orchard are more interested

in established religion, which

they see as something that at

least "devotes something to

your heart". And they are not anti-Christian.

A meeting with Ms Len leads to a slippery feeling that there may not be much in the Chrisemma creed for the analytical mind to hang onto. But this is all part of the young guru's leap into the void. As she herself puts it: "You never find love through thinking

As for a guru's Christmas, "a lot of people put meaning around Christmas to build up to a point in the year where they are going to be loving to each other. But it never works, because they feel the prefence of it," she says, "Any Christ-mas I will be celebrating is from a knowledge that all

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A gem of an idea

Jewellery is back, and the bigger, bolder and more

brazen the better



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THE season of rejoicing provides the perfect opportunity to really go to town, dress up, and outsparkle the fairy

Without spending a fortune on a new dress. jewellery can add flash and pizazz to even the most anonymous of outfits. Take the lead from the designers who use accessories to impact-making advantage. This season there is no such thing as over-

accessorising. The trend for baroque splendour, with all the trappings, provides a perfect chance to plunder the coffers, and pile on the family jewels.

Playing with images is what designers do best - juxtaposing something from the past with a future thought. Authenticity isn't the point. When designers talk of baroque it is a matter of translation, an interpretation rather than fact. Baroque is more likely to be a vision which alludes rather than replicates. a vision which provides a misty, quixotic impression of bygone days, as implausible as the casting of Raquel Welch as Madame Bonancleaux in The Three Musketeers.

Baroque jewellery means big, bold, and brazen: crosses, bows, stars, hearts, and flowers: glearning gold, set with oversized jewels; rubies, emeralds, sapphires, diamonds and pearls, or anything which looks as if it could be.

Designers have again realised the usefulness of the brooch, out of fashion for some time. Once seen as matronly, something a great aunt would use to pin a scarf to her shoulder, brooches are now being stuck on to the lapels of the demi-monde, or given a new lease of life, worn on a silk ribbon at the throat, choker-style. Many of the new brooches available come with a little hook (as well as a pin) on the back for this very

purpose.

If the idea of looking like a latter day Margaret Lockwood does not appeal, then take a trick from the lady herself. In The Wicked Lady, Lockwood spent at least two thirds of the film swaggering about the screen dressed as a doppelganger of Dick Turpin. Highwayman coats, long and short, with grand, turned back curis and Peter Pan collars were shown everywhere for winter.

For dramatic effect scatter brooches on

lapels, cover waistcoats with them, trim shoes. It doesn't have to be expensive, use what's available. Just have fun. Even if the jewellery isn't new, the way in which you

THE OTHER PARTY.



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Molton Street, W1; 48 Buchanan Street, Glasgow Cross drop earrings, £68, Butler & Wilson, as above. Giralda brooch, £40, Yves Saint Laurent Collection, 175-6 New Bond Street,W1; RJ Taylor, 4-12

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Amethyst drop earrings, £2,200, Tiffany & Co, 25 Old Bond Street W1. Purple velvel and brocade jacket, £500, by Selina Blow from Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1. Black leather

gloves by Denis, department stores. Photograph: Mike Owen. Make-up: Gina Crozier, He Rick Haylor at

Stop, look, lingerie

LA PERLA, makers of femi-nine yet practical underwear, swimwear, and bodies, has now opened a boutique in Harrods, its first within a British department store. Beautiful lingerie makes a good last-minute gift and La Perla is the most sought-after label on the market. As well as the main label collection, it will also feature Malizia nightwear, Marvel lingerie, and the La Perla perfume. La Perla Boutique, Harrods, Knightsbridge, SW1.



Underwear from La Perla

Teddy from the boys

FOR the designer offspring of the mid 1980s generation, who were raised on matt black and Phillipe Starck lemon squeezers, comes the ultimate teddy. Comme des Garçons, the fashion house, has sent out a matt black leather teddy bear as its Christmas gift. Recipients are advised, however, that the toy is "not suitable for children". Who is it suitable for then?

Thimblemania

AND now for something completely different. Thimble collectors, here is your chance to toast the tenth birthday of the Thimble Guild (an organisation dedicated to the thimble collector) with a new thimble on your finger. "Collecting thimbles is a fascinating and inexpensive hobby," says Arthur Bell, the guild's founder. "We would like to celebrate our birthday by inviting readers to send for a free blue willow-pattern china thimble as an introduction to the guild." Name and address on a postcard to:



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Steed is back in the saddle

A new breed of young bespoke tailor is about

to invade

Savile Row

resurgence of top-flight English gentleman's tailoring has been on the cards for at least a couple of years. The trend-conscious but well-heeled chaps-about-town have been slowly awakening to the fact that the initially liberating soft-shouldered un-lined drapy look, exemplified by Giorgio Armani (to say nothing of the less well executed and brightly coloured suits cut on the lines of a grocery box) are inclined to make one look as if one has borrowed one's father's Sunday best, or else that one has melted with-

For those who would rather die than dress like Jonathan Ross, and who further believe that those unsmiling, big foreign men with necks like the. leg of an elephant who front for the likes of Hugo Boss are nothing short of laughable, a new breed of younger tailor is poised to breeze into Savile Row. Such young bloods as Timothy Everest, Richard James, Mark Powell and Ozwald Boatang are deter-mined to put the bespoke back

into tailoring.
Ozwald Boatang is a tall, rangy Londoner of Ghanaian origin, who for himself favours the 1960s tapered trouser. pointed boot and Edwardian high-cut jacket. Mr Bostang twho is not related to the sharply-dressed MP Paul, although he is his tailor) is 25, and during the seven years since he made is first suit, he has built up a loyal clientele of more than 200. These customers are willing to make the pilgrimage to Mr Boatang's less-than-glamorous premises at the wrong end of Portobello Road, in west London, and pay between £500 and £1,000 for a two-piece suit. Why don't they go to a more famous tailor in Savile Row?



A lot of people want the Savile Row look, but they are just terrified to walk through the doors of these places," Mr Boatang says. "That's one reason why the cobwebs have to be blown away — Savile Row is desperate for work, but it won't raise its profile because it thinks it's vulgar. I want everyone to know about me." Next year, Mr Boatang might have his own Savile Row address, as he is now spon-sored by Wain Shiell, the cloth manufacturer. Mr Boatang would then be following in the footsteps of the late, great Tornmy Nutter (his hero) and setting up alongside another

newcomer, Richard James. Mr James's rather restrained window sports his ready-to-wear tweed jacket: impeccably tailored, very waisted, slanted pockets, slightly flared sleeves, double vents - in fact, everything an ultra-traditional Savile Row jacket from Huntsman would be. Mr Boatang goes on at great length about his love for traditional, classic tailoring (to mention Steed, of The Avengers. is to make him salivate) and one wonders what it is

about this so-called new breed of young tailor that is new. Is all the talk merely so much bluff and banter? Do we detect an echo of the emperor's

"I aim to provide anything the client wants, but basically classics with a twist," Mr Boatang says. Asked to elaborate, he will point to squaredoff jacket flaps as opposed to rounded, slimmer trousers, surprising buttons and quite startling linings. Mr James's jackets are characterised by a windowpane check of a scale more usually associated with a travelling rug.

But the whole point of any bespoke tailoring, of course, is that you can always have any sort of detail you require, in addition to a suit that fits, feels wonder-ful and will last for decades. Indeed, it is old Savile Row that is justly famous for such freedom of choice, subtly incorporating tasteful signals such as jacket cuffs and covered buttons, as well as buttons clustered in groups waistcoats with lapels.

Ultimately, it is a question of

to superb workmanship, though whether there are enough rich young men out there to support an entire movement remains to be seen. That said, Mr James, Mr Bostang, Timothy Everest and Soho's Mark Powell all claim to have more commis-sions than they can handle. My own tailor — Jermyn Street's John Lester (late of

Savile Row's Henry Poole & Co) is bemused by it all: his training was so long and thorough that he was not let loose on a jacket until eight years had clapsed. Is the new breed here to stay, he won-ders? "Definitely," Mr Boatang says. "Old Savile Row has lost touch — it's dying a slow death, and we are here to put that right."

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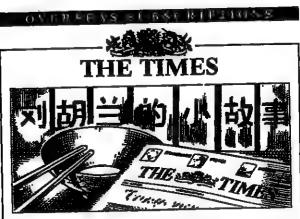
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they encourage wilder fabrics as well as detailing that can

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■ It is unhealthy when things that are true, and expressed honestly, enrage people

B irmingham taxi drivers can moralise as well as cabbies anywhere. "Take reckless driving," said mine, swivelling round to face me from the driver's seat as we sped along the road. "I'll give you a recent example. The only daughter of a local couple was run over by a car. Killed instantly — terrible mess. The driver was only 16. No licence, no insurance. And he had nicked the car. They took him to court. And do you know what he got?"

"Go on," he said. "Guess. She was killed.

"Well," I hesitated. "I can't guess. It would depend partly on whether it was his fault." Well of course it was his fault," insisted the cabbie. "I told you, didn't I, he was a joyrider. No

right to be at the wheel of that car."
"Yes." I said. "but how dangerously was he driving? The sentence would have to reflect that." The taxi driver grew impatient, "Look, she

was killed, mate. Innocent young girl. Spread all over the road. And him with no licence, no insurance, nothing. And d'you know what they gave him? £80 fine and two months' suspended detention or community service, or something. It's a bloody disgrace. Think of her

I persisted: "But look at it this way: say it was you driving along the road. Driving safely - OK? - and everything legit: tax, insurance, licence, everything; and a child runs in front of you. Nothing you can do, right? Child killed Parents heartbroken, but not your fault. Are you

Pause. "No. but I'm in the clear, aren't I?

Pause. "No. but I'm in the clear, aren't I?

He wasn't. Broke the law — stole the car and killed her. They should have taken him for everything he'd got. Didn't I say she was her parents' only kid? Think how they felt when they saw him walk free. Think how you would feel."

"But it's not the act of being without documents that killed her," I said, beginning todespair of the argument, "but his driving. The question has got to be, was it dangerous, and if so, how dangerous? Not having the documents is

"Bloody disgrace," he muttered, "their only child. Blood everywhere. All over the road. And him with no right to be in that car."

ome arguments you just cannot win.
The concept of atonement is embedded deep in our folk morality. It may find scant echo in official justice, but it resonates in popular justice. Whenever the consequence of negligence is worse than the negligence itself, people will want to see that reflected in the punishment. We might still be with Moses in the desert, rather than with my cabbie in Birmingham, for all the change of heart the intervening millennia have wrought.

Like wood, popular thinking has a grain which you will not easily counter, though all the logic in the world support you. Try, for instance, explaining to your grandparents why things do not really cost more than when they were children. You can carefully take them through the argument that when wages rise in line with prices the real costs remain the same, and they will nod and say, "Yes, dear, I see" - and ten minutes later be harping away again about how a Mini used to cost £500 in the

This fallacy is harmless; more awkward is the deep-seated human belief that a "fair" price or wage can be determined by honest contemplation, rather than by the state of the market. To my aunt — who votes Conservative, takes The Daily Telegraph and regards socialism as the work of the devil — a fair price is what will secure a "reasonable" profit after paying employees a "decent" wage. She believes it wrong to profit from scarcity or "exploit" cheap

So do most of her countrymen. I doubt whether many bishops really accept the central principles of the free market. Most people think it's crazy for two bus companies to run the same route. How many people will defend the theory of competition when you put it to them that if two companies, side by side, are providing duplicating energies and facilities in the pursuit of competitive advantage, then it's an immoral waste? When you put it like that, most people respond "hear, heart".

ur morality does not mesh with our economic system; but because we need both, they cohabit in an awkward marriage based on silence. Elected politicians, sharing with the electorate no moral language in which to discuss economics, are forced to lie or bribe where they ought to explain. hurting, it isn't working", or "unemployment is a price well worth paying" - enrage the common people.

It is unhealthy when things that are true. and expressed honestly, enrage people. Peking is wise to modernise the Chinese economy before permitting democracy. Pinochet did the same in Chile. Boris Yeltsin is trying it the other way round, but in Lithuania we learn that President Landsbergis has failed. Has a popular democrat ever imposed a free market upon what was a command economy, and survived? I

A final example: for seven years as a Tory MP I tried to find a way of answering the one question which arose at every public meeting: 'Now that machines are doing the work of so many people, Mr Parris, shouldn't we stop pretending that we can ever get back to full employment, and accept that forced leisure is going to be a permanent part of life in the

Of course, this is a complete misunderstanding of the consequences of has proved. The same fear has arisen every time, and every time it has been proved unfounded. Yet no rational argument or example ever persuaded any audience, including mine, that this time, too, it will prove unfounded.

You might as well try to tell them that wrapping a block of ice in a blanket can stop it

The real reasons for the American president's defeat are a warning to John Major, writes Peter Riddell

An alarm bell called Bush

ohn Major should have done more than commiserate with George Bush during their weekend get-together at Camp David. He should have found out the real reasons for the American president's defeat seven weeks ago. They provide a warning to Mr Major if he is to avoid defeat himself in four vears' time.

At present there is a danger of premature optimism, even complacency, among ministers. That partly reflects relief after the horrors of September and October. Some ministers date the turning point to the "paving" debate on use refer Bill on November 4; others refer debate on the Maastricht. to the Autumn Statement a week later. These events stopped the rot. A glimpse of better times has been added by the successful outcome to the Edinburgh summit and by the tentative signs of an end to the recession. The worst of the debilitating battle over the Maastricht Bill may be over. After Edinburgh, and provided the Danes vote yes in the spring, the outcome at Westminster should not be in

doubt. The pir-closure fiasco will

soon be "rectified". As long as

the economy is moving up-wards, however slowly, then political pressures should ease.

There is something in this, though a price still has to be RIDDELL paid for the débacle of Septem-

ber 16. The danger of a rise in inflation may soon reappear and taxes will have to be raised to bring public borrowing under control. The Tories face poor local and by-election results over the next 18 months. The central question is whether the Major government can regain a sense of direction. That

is where the Bush parallel is relevant. After Mr Major's victory last April, American Re-publicans drew the wrong conclusions. They assumed that the Tories' negative campaigns against Labour over taxes and over whether Neil Kinnock could be trusted would work in America. But they did not. This was not just because of the way the attacks were implemented or because Bill Clinton positioned himself more adeptly than Mr Kinnock, and the Democrats were less handicapped by memories of the early 1980s than Labour was.

ON MONDAY

Major won and Mr Bush lost were less to do with their attacks on their opponents than with themselves. Winning votes turns on giving the impression that you are in charge and can charge things. Mr Major and Mr Chinton conveyed that impression. Mr Bush and Mr Kinnock (through his desire to appear respectable and responsible) did not.

The Tones won because Mr Major appeared as the fresh had distanced himself from the unpopular aspects of the Thatcher era. He also skilfully finessed the inner contradic-tions within the Tory party, notably over Europe, which resurfaced only after the election. He gave people a reason to vote Tory. By contrast, Mr Bush looked tired, the stale head of an old government which had run

out of ideas. His successful handling of the end of the Cold war and his leadership during the Gulf crisis were not sufficient when he was so obviously not interested in domestic policy. He never showed why the American people should give him a second term.

Mr Major should read an article in the December 14 issue of The New Republic by James Pinkerton, former deputy assistant for policy planning in the White House, the equivalent of a member of the Downing Street Policy Unit. Mr Pinkerton is best known for his advocacy of the New Paradigm. a strategy for post-bureaucratic government resting on the prin-ciples of choice, decentralisation and empowerment More bluntly, he argues that, "Americans agreed that we weren't going to throw people into the snow, but we also agreed we weren't going to build socialism". The hopes of this group turned on Jack Kemp's attempt to break up the rigid structure of public housing. Mr Pinkerton records how these and parallel initiatives were frustrated by Mr Bush's lack of interest and the opposition of key advisers such as John Sununu, White House chief of staff, and Richard Darman, the budget director. The political opportunity of the victory of the Gulf war victory was wasted in minor legislative proposals. Instead, the Bush administration relied on managing the legacy of the 1980s. So when the election came, the

president had little to say. What Mr Pinkerton describes as a new activism in education. housing, health care and environmental protection has ech-oes on this side of the Atlantic. It is reflected not just in the agenda of the No Turning Back group of Tory MPs but also in parts of the citizen's charter and the work of the Social Market Foundation (former Owenite SDP members, now mainly Tories). Ministers can point to existing government plans in housing, grant maintained schools and health service trusts.

government has not lost moderegulation, education and training for 16- to 19-year-olds, government-industry relations, plus a consultative paper on

road pricing.

The snag is that the whole is less than the sum of the parts. Ministers are busy, but in ways defined by the life of their Whitehall departments. The appearance is of incrementalism, even when the policies are more radical. That is partly the result of the switch in style from Baroness Thatcher to Mr Ma-jor. The ciazen's charter is in many ways Mr Major's Big Idea - and it is not a bad one but his presentation of it in mundane, everyday terms has invited ridicule and reduced its political impact. And, although a majority of 21 also applies new constraints absent during the 1980s, that is no excuse for a lack of coherence. The lesson of Mr Bush's defeat is that Mr Major has to maintain an active domestic programme. The Tothey can be competent in government (in doubt after the past few months) but also that they still have fresh approaches to

The bun that would be king

Bernard Levin offers free advice

to the fast-food merchants who

are planning to move up-market

o start with, I bet you didn't know that in California (where else?) a financial business, called Montgomery Securities, has a "restaurant analyst" on the team; he is a Mr Michael Mueller, and in case your thought that he was the man from the local health authority analysing the food in restaurants to see if impurities or microbes have got into the poulet de bresse or the darne de saumon, you were wrong. Mr Mueiler analyses, no doubt with the help of regularly updated wall-charts printed out from his computer, the relative profit and loss positions in the market for

What is more, Mr Mueller's computer must be red hot by now, anent the news that the Burger King chain is going, as we restaurant analysts say, "upmarket". Eschewing the offen-sive suggestion that Burger King could hardly be going down-market, let us see how the

process is getting on. It is getting on amazingly.

First, Burger King is hiring waiters - real waiters, quite possibly togged up with the entire outfit, tails and all - to serve the customers. And what service! Burger King patrons can look forward to tablecloths, no less, and even napian rings. (There is no reference to napkins, but a room full of customers twiddling their empty napkin rings would look rather forlorn, so I take it Burger King

has attended to that problem.) Mind you, that leads to another headache: I do hope Burger King is not proposing to provide very lancy naplon rings, for when the word gets around it will realise that the profit on even the biggest burger will not cover an 18th-century hallmarked silver napkin ring or, for that matter, a double-dam-ask-dinner napkin. (Ah, but you have to be as old as I am to know about the double-damask bit.) No wonder Montgomery Securities in general and Mr Mueller in particular can be seen in the latest Cadillac.

And it is not only the appurtepends on enticing into Burger

ened up; it is the menu, too. No longer will the choice be between burger with pickles or burger with tomato sauce, burger rare or burger well-done, burger large or burger medium (there are, of course, no small able to tuck in to a meal brought by a real waiter, remember - which offers, among the burgers, delights such as crispy chicken fillet, fried shrimp and steak sandwiches. With all of these, Burger King will offer a choice of a baked potato or chips, and a salad or coleslaw, but there is one strange, sinister item of difference in the menu. Of those three main dishes, if you take the chicken or the shrimps you get a bread roll; but if you opt for the steak sandwich you don't:

or that, we shall very soon see Burger King in court: America being be a rain of plaintiffs claiming that the missing roll has deprived them of their constitutional rights and ruined their lives, and that the ensuing unassuagable hurt should he compensated by not less than several dozen millions of dollars. Meanwhile, Montgomery Securities and Mr Mueller have each bought a 38-room country cottage in the Adirondacks.

All this was started by Burger King's consumer research, guided by no less a figure than Mr Sidney J. Feltenstein, Executive Vice-President of Brand Strategy (and what's a nice Jewish boy doing in a title like that without making sure that the burgers are kosher. I'd like to know, and so would his mother). Anyway. Mr Felten-stein's enquiries fetched up at the "industry analysis", who found that Burger King, and even McDonald's, were being undercut by rivals, and Mr Mueller added a helicopter pad to his private ski-slope, while Montgomery Securities had the tree cold alone.

roof gold-plated. The strategy, of course, de-



King restaurants those who, if they go out to dinner, prefer a restaurant with a wider selection of dishes, but Mr Mueller is on record as saying that such diners would be unlikely to go to a fast-food restaurant for dinner, "so it's questionable wheth-

er the strategy will work". Suck it and see. But we can't, because the new, exciting, upmarket Burger King is not available outside the United States, which is perfectly scan-dalous, because Burger King is part of Grand Met, which is a British concern (or was when I last saw it). I doubt if Mr Mueller will starve, though.

When did the Rise of the Hamburger take place, and why? I remember from child-hood two figures who were always eating: Popeye, with his addiction to spinach, and

Wimpy, who was always munching what would be called a hamburger today, though I am fairly sure the word had not been attached to the thing then. More to the point, how did it set

off the fast-food industry?

hamburger was and introduced to the United States by sailors from Hamburg. A "Hamburg steak" figures in the OED, but it is only described—its Hamburgness is not explained. No doubt Mo-Donald's and Burger King and Wendy's (to say nothing of Wimpy itself) would say never mind the etymology, enjoy the taste. But that is the core of the mystery: how did the hamburg-er sweep the board, driving out even fish and chips?

How many vast herds, every year, are required to feed the insatiable hunger for half a pound of chopped meat be-tween the halves of a soft bun? Think there are 5,700 Burger King restaurants in the United States alone, and extrapolating from that stupefying fact I cannot see how the total number of hamburger eateries, worldwide and encompassing all chains, can be short of 50,000. How many hamburgers each a day? 1.000 at least, 1 guess; perhaps a good many more. How can such gaping voracity be placated?

I do my bit. You will be astonished to learn that I am very partial to a hamburger, though before you all faint dead away, I have to tell you that I do not frequent Burger Kings or any of their rivals. I buy the

finest sirioin from the finest butchers, trim it thoroughly, mince it carefully, season properly, and cook it slightly longer than I ought to. Then I open a fitting bottle, put on the appropriate CD (something stirring, like the Schumarın piano concerto or the Brahms first) and declare the bachelor life not bad at all. Can Mr Mueller say more, for all his private jets?

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That doesn't solve the problem of the origins of the name or the demand for the thing, and indeed leads only to another riddle. Have you ever wondered what happens in the German must happen every season - the Hamburgers play the Frank-furters? One day I shall get the mustard concession and he rich. Though not as rich as Montgomery Securities, of course.

Storybook ending

A CHRISTMAS tale to cheer the stoniest of hearts. Tim Waterstone, the puckish, balding bookseller and Mohamed Al-Fayed, the chairman of Harrods, have kissed and made up in time for the busiest week of the retailers' year.

Last month the two announced they were to part company only months after the razzle-dazzle opening of the Waterstone's bookstore in Harrods, Ivana Trump cut the ribbon, Lord Archer of Westonsuper-Mare sipped champagne. The book world turned out in force. Hardly was the ink dry on the contract than Waterstone's announced it would quit in March.

There were reports that bookshop staff had been forced to work on Sundays. There were mutterines about the scruffy dress of some employees. Worse, Al-Fayed was said to have tripped over the same pile of books on the floor twice, and Lord Parkinson was reported aggrieved that there was no copy of his autobiography there two weeks after it had been

It seemed as if nothing short

of a visit from Henry Kissinger would effect a reconciliation. But it has happened, and Tim Waterstone's departure for the US does not seem to have hindered the process. There are also suggestions that W.H. Smith, which owns Waterstone's, may have balked at the idea of writing off the shop-fitting costs, estimated as high as £500.000. The most pressing reason, however, may have been commercial rivalry - the prospect of Dillons taking over the Harrods bookshop. Terry Maher, chairman of Pentos, which owns Dillons, says: "We did talk to Harrods but the terms they had in mind meant that it would not have been a profitable venture for us."

Waterstone's says it has now renegotiated its contract with the store but refuses to say on what basis. "It was a purely commercial decision to part and it is a commercial decision to stay." Goodwill towards men, including Waterstone's sales staff, has been restored and the tills will cominue to ring out their merry Christmas message.

● Good news, too, for the troubled, depressed, sick and those who cannot stomach another round of Bruce Forsyth's Christmas Generation Game. From New Year's day



they are to be targeted by Radio Vaticana, which is to broadcast English-language programmes via satellite. The new offerings from the station include Room would appear. Edinburgh's Scandic Crown Hotel, scene of with a View of the Vatican and, for those with questions about the Catholic faith, Ask, the much skulduggery during the Abbot, a programme for which on Sunday morning and there the diary predicts a cult following before spring.

> The hotel opened two years ago, was to host the Campaign for an Independent Britain alternative summit this month. But with only days to go, the anti-Maastricht group had its reservation cancelled to make way for the Danish govern-ment, battling to find a palar-able way of presenting the Maastricht treaty to its people. Now the gods appear to have struck back

Burnt-out case

THOR is alive and well and has

anti-Maastricht tendencies, it

summit, went up in flames early

is speculation that the curse of

Maastricht has struck again.

But it is not only the anti-Maastricht lobby whose wrath has been incurred by the Scandic Crown. The hotel, com-

plete with fairytale turrets. is piece with manytase turrers. Is considered by many to be a blot on the Scottish capital. Richard Murphy. an Edinburgh-based architect, says: "If people want to see Disneyland, then I believe there is one near Paris." With so many detractors, it is something of a triumph that the building has survived this long.

Naked affront

THE FIRST snows of winter have fallen on New Jersey, and in keeping with tradition Princeton University students stripped off for the "Nude Olympics". Last year 22 of those who frolicked in winter ended up making a court appearances in the summer after the local police filmed the event. They were each fined \$100, even one who claimed not to have been nude on the ground that he was

wearing a skunk hat This winter, undeterred, 200 students participated and 198 managed to avoid arrest. The unlucky two have been charged with lewdness, disorderly conduct and the theft of a gallon of ice-cream. The university now says it would like to see an end to the tradition which began duing the streaking era. But as Justin Harmon, a spokesman for the university, says, "It's not behaviour we can condone. It's

not behaviour we feel we can

This way, José BRITISH RAIL has a fan. No.

he is not British. José L. Perez, a resident of Barcelona, has written to Paul Theroux to sing the virtues of Britain's railway network. Pérez has just completed a journey round the coastline from Dover to St Andrews using as his guide Theroux's tenyear-old travel book The Kingdom by the Sea.

Perez writes: "I'm pleased to inform you that the branch lines that you feared would disappear when you did your travel are still alive and well. BR had new regional trains to serve these lines that are a far cry better than the Spanish ones."

Theroux, who made the trip partly because he found himself joking about Bognor Regis without ever having been there. says: "Naturally I was delighted that a ten-year-old travel book still has power to inspire enough vava con dias in the man from Barcelona to rediscover the British Isles through its railways. I was happiest from his letter to learn that the branch line to Whitby is still operating. As long as it stays open there is hope for the



A FRESH START

The new Bank governor should not be tainted by failure

The governorship of the Bank of England is the grandest, as well as the highest-paid, appointment in the gift of the prime minister. It is arguably the top job in the public sector and will become even more important if Britain ratifies the Maastricht Treaty, ceding more power to the committee of European central banks. Mr Major will therefore be making a decision of great symbolic and policy importance soon after Christmas. when he is due to choose the man or woman to fill this post. From what is known of the shortlist of candidates, Mr Major may be in danger of making a serious mistake.

Prier Riddes

One shortlist consists of several well qualified candidates from outside the public sector, such as Sir David Scholey, chairman of the merchant bank S. G. Warburg. The other shordist includes senior officials from within the government, led by Eddie George, the Bank of England's present deputy governor, and Sir Peter Middleton, the former permanent secretary of the Treasury. who is now deputy chairman of Barclays Bank. It is clear which list Mr Major should use. If he is serious about improving the management of the public sector, he must not choose a candidate from inside the Treasury or the Bank.

This has nothing to do with the competence of the individuals in question. The reason for rejecting all serving and recent Bank and Treasury officials can be summarised in two phrases: Black Wednesday and BCCI. These have been two of the costliest disasters in the history of British public administration. The government's losses from the fruitless defence of the pound on Black Wednesday have recently been

estimated at up to £6 billion by the authoratitive journal Central Banking. It seems morally inconceivable that any of the senior officials involved in the formulation and execution of monetary policy should even be considered so soon after Black Wednesday, for promotion to the nation's most senior economic post. It would be equally bizarre if a Bank of England official whose responsibilities included oversight of bank regulation were made governor just three months after the publication of Lord Justice Bingham's damning report on the Bank's role in BCCI.

It may be that the particular officials on Mr Major's shortlist privately advised against the policies that led up to Black Wednesday. Perhaps they knew nothing personally about BCCI. Until the public records are unsealed in 2022, nobody will know who said what to whom in the secret recesses of the Treasury and Bank of England. But this is irrelevant. The people at the top of government must take responsibility for their departments and for mistakes made "on their watch", even if there is no documentary evidence to pin these misjudgements personally on them.

After Black Wednesday and the Bingham inquiry, the Treasury and the Bank ignored all demands for official resignations. The prime minister stood by his officials, partly because the individuals attacked claimed not to have been directly involved in the policy errors in question. Perhaps a presumption of innocence was fair when dismissals were being considered, but the same cannot be true when it comes to promotion.

To command respect as the next governor of the Bank of England, any present or recent official at the Bank and the Treasury would have to prove beyond doubt, and in public, that he was untainted by the debacles of BCCI and Black Wednesday. If he could not do so, he would undermine confidence both in the Bank of England and in the prime minister's judgment. He would also prove that in Britain's public sector, failure does not bring penalties, but rewards.

WAR OR PEACE?

The choice in the Serbian elections is clear-cut

Slobodan Milosevic, say the cynics in Belgrade, would never have agreed to elections if he were not sure of winning them. The odds in yesterday's contest which will have a weighty effect on the outcome of the war in Bosnia and elsewhere in former Yugoslavia - have been heavily stacked in Mr Milosevic's favour.

Mr Milosevic's power is based on his control over state television, his influence on the national bank, his command of the police machine and the sympathy of some generals within the former Yugoslav army. Thus in the weeks before the election he has been able to increase wages of workers and of dole payments to the unemployed simply by having more money printed.

In the past 18 months Mr Milosevic has presided over three costly wars and has succeeded in making Serbia an inter-national pariah. Yet his institutional strength allows him to invert every failure and to project himself as a caring, patriar-chal leader. The shortage of medicine, for. example, is blamed not on the war with Croatia (which supplied many pharmaceuticals) or Belgrade's economic blundering, but on the callous West.

There is a strong chance then that Mr Milosevic could win the election more or less honestly. But the opinion polls that gave his main challenger, Milan Panic, prime minister of rump-Yugoslavia, such a convincing lead last week have to be taken seriously. In particular the city of Belgrade gave Mr Panic a resounding 69 per cent approval compared to 29 per cent for Mr Milosevic. The trend is similar, though less dramatic, in other large Serbian towns. Win or lose. that is the hope for the future of Serbia.

Mr Panic cuts a strange figure. A former bicycling champion who defected to America and made a fortune, who speaks Serbo-

Croat with a heavy accent, he entered the political scene only a year ago. The betting at the time was that Mr Panic would turn out like Ross Perot, or Stanislaw Tyminski of Poland, businessmen-politicians who offered quick-fix solutions and failed for lack of a party or a coherent programme.

The mood, however, has changed. Mr Panic's promises may be unrealistic but they speak to the needs of the urban and more European-minded Serbs. He pleages not only to end the war, but to ease the police state conditions in Kosovo, put war criminals on trial and build a market economy.

Mr Panic has not delivered on any of these or other promises made at international conferences, but that is not entirely his fault. As prime minister of rump-Yugoslavia -Serbia and Montenegro - he occupies a fake job. But as Serbian president he could begin to make a real impact. Above all he could help prevent the spread of war to Kosovo and Macedonia. As such he must be the favoured candidate of the West.

An added danger may emerge, however. if neither man secures enough to win in the first round. Mr Milosevic could well turn all of his institutional power against Mr Panic and bring Serbia close to civil war. Or his frustrated supporters may again whip up Serbian nationalist sentiment in Kosovo. provoke ethnic Albanian unrest and plunge the region into chaos.

An argument can be heard in European chancelleries that a securely re-elected Mr Milosevic would be easier to deal with than a displaced Mr Milosevic who would do his best to destablilise the Panic regime. This line of thinking, however, should be rejected. The choice in the presidential elections is a clear one and should not be muddied with European pragmatism. It is a choice between war and peace.

SEASONAL SOLECISMS

Christmas Past: a series on the unchanging face of the season Two: from The Times of 23 December, 1953

In the great saucer-like eyes of the law it is, one imagines, some sort of a crime or misdemeanour to write on a Christmas card anything more than one's name and a few words of salutation - unless, of course, the envelope is licked up and bears a two penny halfpenny stamp like a proper letter.

The manufacturers of these cards generally do most of the spadework for us. Underneath "With best wishes for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year from" it is only necessary for us to write "Jill and Jack", and most people, after doing this several dozen times and still getting only half way down their list, are well content to leave

it at that. An aberrant minority, however, seem unable to resist the temptation to use these missives for purposes of more or less rational intercommunication. The impulse to do so may stem from the desire to steal (as it were) a single from the POSTMASTER-GEN-ERAL; or the writer, gazing down the interminable vista which this year will not really end before Monday, December 28, may have been moved by the same sort of forlorn feelings which cause prisoners to scribble on the walls of their cells. Whatever the cause, quite a number of Christmas cards are inscribed with matter tenuously if

at all connected with their primary purpose. Many of these marginal comments are inane. "How are you all?" for instance, was,

if the writer had only stopped to think, a fairly pointless addition to a message of good will. Christmas cards from remote parts of the world sometimes bear items of information ("It's 102 degrees in the shade here!"), behind which, though they are interesting in a way, one suspects the ambition to epater.

Within the family or clan it is often deemed permissible to record developments of mutual interest in a kind of stop press; but it may be doubted whether Yuletide cheer is materially increased by inserting among the robins and the holly such legends as "Isn't it awful about Ronnie?" or "We think Antonia has whooping cough. I suppose this means that yours will be in quarantine. What a

Rarer, and even less forgivable, are the unashamedly operational messages which are sometimes included on Christmas cards. "Henry thinks he may have left his gloves in the car. Could you send them back if he has?" or "Do you know anyone who wants an Alsatian puppy (pedigree)?" - it is perfectly all right to make inquiries of this kind, but it is not comme il faut to make

them on a Christmas card. They should form, as bureaucrats say, the subject of a separate communication; and it may be laid down as a general rule that anyone who uses a main verb on a Christmas card has almost certainly gone a

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and Parliament

From Lord Marsh

Sir, The final paragraph of your leading article, "Without apology" (December 15), encapsulates the main case for a review of the law relating to the press. You write

A newspaper that opposes a government can on occasions by to destroy it. Those occasions will be rare. But they should be there. And there should be no politically appointed panel, however representative or

What "duty"? Journalists, in common with most of us who work for a living, are employed by their newspapers for no other purpose than to provide the owners with an acceptable reurn on their investment. To suggest that journalists are invested with unique duties, and therefore rights denied to the rest of us, is a dangerous conceit. Dangerous because it is increasingly used as justification for behaviour by journalists under pressure to increase sales which would never be tolerated from any other section of society, including the police or elected parliamentarians.

In the course of my chairmanship of the Newspaper Publishers Association this issue arose on a number of occasions and each time a minority of council members tried to find some form of effective self-regulation. That they were unsuccessful is painfully obvious, but when The Times expresses the view that the press exists to protect "the ruled", i.e., the electorate, from "the rulers", otherwise known as elected members of Parliament, a few chuckles from the ghost of Bob

Maxwell are understandable. I am convinced, as I suspect are many others, that there is now an overwhelming case, in no way con-nected with the problems of the royal family, for parliamentary action.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD MARSH. House of Lords. December 17.

Older mothers

From Dr Adrian R. Rogers

Sir. Libby Purves, in her article on becoming a mother at 40 ("Go forty and multiply". December 14), takes me to task for my view that younger mothers are generally to be preferred. Older mothers, who are a relatively new and growing social phenomenon, have much to be commended — not least maturity, stability, often

already achieved in life; it is my personal experience as a family doctor that they make excellent mothers. However, there are hazards, in addition to the well-known increased risk of foetal abnormality. Illness and death are of course more likely in the fifth and shah decades, threatening to orphan young or teenage children; and the chance of handing on the

greater wealth and a sense of having

wisdom of life and motherhood to a second generation as a grandmother is considerably lessened May such matters of fertility long remain subjects of personal choice and never become subject to fashion or of frustration born out feminism.

Yours faithfull ADRIAN ROGERS Adviser to Conservative Christian Fellowship), Cranmere House, Trews Weir Reach, Exeter, Devon.

At our service

From Mr Christopher C. Gay The argument (Mr David Kiggeli's

letter, December 10) that local councils totally funded centrally would compete for service quality may at first sight be attractive. Such "competition", however, presupposes fair and accepted grant distribution, as presumably no one would argue that the needs of the stockbroker belt would be as great as an area of urban deprivation.

Grant distribution has reached a point of such complexity as to be fully understood by only three or four people in the land (the secretary of state for the environment probably not being one of them) and is highly contentious. No government has been able to provide a remotely satisfactory

What is needed for the health of our local democracy is locally raised revenue for which local councils are accountable to their electorate - not handouts from government calcula-ted from obscure Whitehall formulas.

Yours faithfully CHRISTOPHER GAY (Chief Executive and Town Clerk). Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Camerbury, Kent.

Drivers who smoke

From Mr A. J. Haslam

Sir, Dr R. Scott Russell suggests (letter, December 15) that pipe smokers should enjoy reduced motor insurance premiums. Had he been in the car when some ash fell out of my father's pipe, setting fire to his trousers while travelling at high speed on the Doncaster bypass, he might think differently. Only considerable presence of mind averted a disaster.

Yours faithfully, A. J. HASLAM, The Granary, Green Farm, Wark-on-Tyne, Hexham, Northumberland.

The law, the press A fitting punishment for murder

From Mr John McVicar

Sir, The widow of the policeman murdered by Nicholas Vernage, who was also convicted of murdering two other people (report, December 8), did not base her call for restoration of the death penalty on deterrence, as Bernard Levin implies (December 17), but retribution.

Her comments after Vernage was sentenced to life imprisonment were: "I know that nothing can ever bring Alan back but no sentence that our courts are allowed to pass could ever be enough. He is alive and my husband is dead."

Levin also claims that the best definition he has come across of madness is doing "that which most neonie do not do and would never do in any circumstances". I would think that the test applied by the courts is both better and more appropriate to his topic, that is, that the accused's ability to distinguish between right and wrong is impaired.

As for the "mystery" of Vernage's savagery, we do not have to look any further than TV reportage of events in Bosnia for an explanation. It is easy to dehumanise other human beings.

Vernage is what the Americans call "a state-reared youth", who has, during long periods of incarceration in various institutions, absorbed an intense hatred of authority. To him, policemen are Jews, Muslims, Christians, negroes, gooks ... whatever,

Yours sincerely.

JOHN McVICAR. 75 Albert Palace Mansions. Lurine Gardens, SW11. December 17.

From Mr Stephen Bush

Sir, In the case of Nicholas Vernage, it may well be, as Bernard Levin says, absurd to think that such a man might be deterred by the thought of the hangman". It is the potential murderer who needs the deterrent; and the role of Vernage is 10 provide

the awful example. "Thou shalt not kill" is an instruction to the individual, not society. The abolition of the death penalty is an experiment which has failed us miserably. Look around; murders, rapes and all manner of loathsome brutalities flourish where there is no final authority.

Society must — yes, must — provide the just deserts of convicted killers. Yours faithfully,

We must release financial resources

those involved in industry, and MSF

is already working in partnership

with many companies to try to ensure

they remain competitive and effective

without endangering the rights of

employees. But it cannot happen if the

government is not committed to

Unless it drastically changes its

policies unemployment will continue

to rise, as it has for the last 31

consecutive months, and the chances

of rebuilding a sound industrial base

for future job creation get slimmer

recovery through investment.

This requires concerted action by all

STEPHEN BUSH, 26 Cherry Road, Rochester, Kent.

for long-term investment.

Economic recovery

From the General Secretary of MSF

Sir, The less in unemployment figures (report, December 18) underlines how premature those Conservatives are who once again talk of "economic recovery around the corner". Technical indicators may well begin to show signs of upturn but, if current policies prevail, it will be years before job creation is significant enough to make even a dent in the huge numbers of unemployed, particularly in London and the South East, which have taken the brunt of failed economic policies.

We must not allow the few "green shoots" as they surface to disguise the reality of what is necessary to secure real recovery. We must concentrate on policies which lead directly to the recreation of our wealth-producing manufacturing sector. We must give incentives to those who are able to develop the new technologies which can improve our productive abilities.

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(Manufacturing, Science, Finance), Park House, 64-66 Wandsworth.

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Bores? Not in my book From Mr I om Brimelo Yours faithfully TOM BRIMELOW. Sir, I have always been puzzled by the

each day.

Yours sincerely

December 18.

ROGER LYONS,

General Secretary, MSF

professional librarian's public image. and Alison Roberts's review of Droles de Bibliothèque ("More than bodies in the library", December 10) just adds to the mystery. Traditionally, librarians are booksh, impractical, out of touch, ineffectual, officious creatures; yet, according to the authors, librarians in literature show that they display all human characteristics, good and bad. Why, then, the image of boring people?

My experience in teaching librarians at Leeds Polytechnic over 23 years was that they were livelier than other students. Their contribution to student societies, politics and functions far outweighed their numbers. At least two girls were elected Rag

Queen. Librarianship has always been in the forefront of technical innovation. Self-service and checkouts came in decades before the grocery trade caught on and we were teaching computer principles in the early 1950s. Whence the fuddy-duddy?

38a Field End Gardens, Halton, Leeds, West Yorkshire. December 11. From Miss Margaret Birkinshaw

Sir, I was dismayed by the inference in Alison Roberts's article, that Barbara Pym is a writer of pulp romance.

Barbara Pym is a renowned writer of style, wit and distinction, whose wilderness years were ended when she won praise in The Times Literary Supplement from Lord David Cecil and Philip Larkin, and whose books have met with high critical acclaim. Ms Roberts's slighting and inaccurate reference to the plot of An Unsuitable Attachment does much disservice to a writer whose work has been compared to that of Jane Austen.

Yours faithfully, MARGARET BIRKINSHAW, 87 Barrow Point Avenue, Pinner, Middlesex. December 11.

The Nuba people

From the Ambassador of the Republic

Sir. I find the letter of Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison and others (De-cember 9) misleading. Recent tours of the area of the Nuba mountains by leaders of the Catholic Church in Sudan, led by Bishop Khamis Korkel and by a special UN representative. Dr Francis Deng, have conclusively established that there is no truth whatsoever in reports of unfair treatment of the Nuba people or any attempts to displace them. The goverament is spending hundreds of millions of pounds to rehabilitate this war-devastated area

At no time did the government at regional or national level institute a policy of separating women and children from their families or sending men to forced labour. The moving of a few thousand people outside the war zone was a temporary rocasure dictated purely by humanitarian consideration. Freedom of movement for all individuals is guaranteed, and most people in the area have returned to their original areas now that they

felt it safe to do so. The Sudanese people are proud to have hosted over a million refugees from neighbouring countries who share our meagre resources. Over three million displaced people from the south are settled all over the north, where they receive education equal to and health care superior to that offered to the permanently senled

Yours etc. ALI MOHAMED OSMAN

Sudan Embassy. 3 Cleveland Row, St James's, SW1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may faced to 071-782 5046.

Remember Kabul

From Mr Sandy Gall and Mr Mark Scrase-Dickins

Sir. The situation in Afghanistan, and especially Kabul, has continued to deteriorate since you published our letter on September 8 giving details of the situation there. Dominic Arkwright's recent excellent reporting on Radio 4 reminds us of this, but the government, and Western governments in general, continue to do nothing. Their response to the UN Secretary-General's appeal earlier this year has been shameful, given their earlier support for the Mujahidin

during the Soviet occupation. Quite apart from humanitarian reasons, we owe the people of Afghanistan a moral debt for their part in the defeat of the Red Army and the collapse of the Soviet empire.

Successive American administrations are especially culpable, given their blind and misguided support for Gulbuddin Hekmatyar and Hezb-i-Islami, who are responsible for the slaughter in Kabul over the past few

Can we hope that Her Majesty's Government, beleaguered though it may be, will show some form of leadership in starting some practical assistance to what is left of the interim government in Kabul, and Ahmad Shah Masood in particular? Do they actually understand the situation in Kabul and when did a senior British diplomat last visit Kabul to assess the situation?

In the meantime, we ask the people of this country to support the current Oxfam appeal to show that they, at least, acknowledge our debt to the people of Afghanistan.

Yoursetc. SANDY GALL MARK SCRASE-DICKINS. Doubleton Oast House, Penshurst, Kent.

Europe's uranium and nuclear waste

From Mrs Jessica Larive, MEP (The Netherlands) (Liberal and Democratic Reformist), and Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for West Sussex (European People's Party

Sir, The Euratom Supply Agency was set up in 1957 to purchase uranium. then scarce, for all users in the European Community. The agency is now using its monopoly powers to block uranium imports from the

former Soviet Union. It does so on the grounds that the uranium is too cheap and threatens the stability of the EC's regular supplies and suppliers. Such anticompetitive activity keeps the price of nuclear-generated electricity high,

and needlessly raises industrial costs.

The political implications of this behaviour are serious. It defeats the EC policy of trading with ex-communist countries desperate for hard currency. Worse, if we close our markets to this uranium it will be diverted to less responsible buyers. This is particularly perverse, considering that only last month the European Parliament approved the Community plan to set up a Centre for Science and Research in Moscow with the express purpose of preventing the dispersal of the former USSR's nuclear and chemical sci-

entists. In protecting a single industrial sector, the agency is acting far beyond the intent and letter of the Euratom treaty. We hope the agency's operations will be closely questioned.

Yours faithfully. JESSICA LARIVE. MADRON SELIGMAN. European Parliament Rue Belliard B-1047, Brussels. December 15.

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace International

Sir, Your report that the British government is carrying out a Cabinet-level enquiry into Thorp, British Nuclear Fuels Ltd's thermal oxide reprocessing plant ("Enquiry underlines doubts over future of Sellafield plant", December 16) is an encouraging sign that the government is starting to recognise that the original justifications for Thorp no longer

Britain is not alone. Germany, Japan, Belgium and Switzerland are reconsidering the rationale for plutonium production and use. Former Thoro customer Sweden now has a no-reprocessing policy. The US Defense Department restated recently that the proliferation risks from reprocessing are unacceptable, even with existing international safe-

guards. As the British government debates the opening of Thorp, governments around the world will be watching. It can only be hoped that the UK recognises that it cannot afford - for security, economic or environmental reasons — to open Thorp.

Yours faithfully, STEVE SAWYER, Executive Director, Greenpeace International, Keizersgracht 176, 1016 DW Amsterdam. December 17.

Commercial disputes

From Mr David Steel, QC

Sir. As a result of the critical shortage of judicial manpower (report, November 23) the Commercial Court list is in complete disarray. The court's reputation, which has taken so long to establish, is quickly being lost, with serious repercussions for the City of

London. It is now time for the City institutions to establish their own commercial dispute resolution centre.

With purpose-made procedures and accommodation, and with judicial manpower taken from solicitors and barristers practising in the commercial field, acting either part or full-time (and perhaps also some present and past Commercial Court judges), the City institutions are equipped to offer adjudication, con-ciliation and mediation services unmatched in the world. With a sensible fee structure, there would be no burden on the public purse.

This is the only way forward to ensure that commercial interests are freed from competing for judicial resources urgently needed elsewhere. There is no time to lose.

DAVID STEEL 2 Essex Court, Temple, EC4. December 10,

Wheel of fortune

From Mr Anthony D. R. Holland

Sir, Any appointment of the managing director of London Underground to head the Prison Service (letter, December 17) would follow precedent established by the Home Office.

Sir Stanley Raymond, chairman of the British Railways Board, was appointed in 1968 to run the newly formed Gaming Board. It was widely assumed, at the time, that the Home Office were confused in their translation of chemin de fer.

In the event, the appointment was a

Yours faithfully, ANTHONY HOLLAND. Windlesham Manor, Windlesham, Surrey.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 19: By Command of The Queen, the Viscount St Daids, Lord in Waiting, was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this evening upon the arrival of The king and Queen of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan and welcomed Their Majesties on behalf of Her

Majesty. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** December 19: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, the Royal Irish a Passing-Out Parade at the Regimental Depot, Ballymena, North-

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for County Antrim (Captain Sir Richard Dobbs).

tain Rupert Maitland-Titterton were in attendance.

Elizabeth Hall, London SE1. Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Captain Edward Musto, RM.

Birthdays today

Mr Alexander Bennett, former

chairman, Whitbread Investment Company, 79; Mr F.G. Berkeley, former Chief Taxing Master of the Supreme Court. 73; Air Commandant Dame Jean Bromet, former director, WRAF, 80; Mr B.E.S. Collins, former chairman, B.E.S. Collins, former chairman, Nabisco Group, 69; Miss Joan Dickson, cellist, 71; Miss Chris Evert, tennis player, 38; Miss Jane Fonda, acress, 55; hr Earl of Haddington, 51; Mr Peter Johnson, headmaster, Wrekin College, 45; Sir Frederick Lawton, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 81; Mr Geoff Lewis, racehorse trainer, 57; Mr W.M.M. Milligan, former principal, Wolsey Hall, Oxford, 85; the Most Rev John Murphy, former Archbishop of Cardiff, 87; Sir John Nahuman consultant phy Sir John Nabarro, consultant phy-sician. 77: Mr Anthony Powell, CH, author. 87: Sir John Quinton, chairman, Barclays Bank, 63; Flight Lieutenant W. Reid, VC, agricultural consultant, 71; Mr T.L. Robinson, former president, DRG, 80; Brigadier V.M. Rooke, former director, Army Nursing Services, 68; Mr Walter Spanghero, rugby player, 49; Mr Greville Starkey, jockey, 53; Mr Michael Tilson Thomas, conduc-tor. 48: Mr Peter Tinniswood, author, 56; Mr Jeremy Tree, former racehorse trainer, 67; Mr James Tye. director-general, Brit-ish Safety Council, 71; Dr Kurt Waldheim, former President of

Appointment

Admiral Sir Brian Brown to succeed Admiral Sir Anthony Morton as Chairman of King George's Fund for Sailors from April 1993. Major Joyce Gillison and Cap-

KENSINGTON PALACE December 20: The Princess of Wales, Patron, National Chil-dren's Orchestra, this evening attended a Concert at Queen

were in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Kent will attend a silver jubilee concert of the Mal-colm Sargent Cancer Fund for children at the Albert Hall at 7.15. Princess Alexandra will attend a carol concert at Guildhall at 6.45 in aid of the Mental Health

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Mathurin Régnier, poet, Chartres, France, 1573; Jean poet, Charires, France, 1573; Jean Racine, dramatist, La Fertè-Müon, 1639; Sir Joseph Whitworth, Bt. mechanical engineer, Stockport, 1803; Benjamin Disraell, 1st Earl of Beaconsfield, prime minister 1868 and 1874-80, London, 1804; Archibald Campbell Tait, Archibald Campbell Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury 1869-82, Edinburgh, 1811; Joseph Stalin, Soviet leader, Gorl, Geor-gia, 1879; Dame Rebecca West, novelist and critic, London, 1892. noveist and critic, London, 1892.
DEATHS: Giovanni Boccaccio, writer, Certaldo, Italy, 1375; Catherine of Braganza, Queen consort of Charles II. Lisbon, 1705; James Parkinson, physician, London, 1924; F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, Hollywood, 1940; George Patton, American general of World War II. Heidelberg, Germany, 1945; American general of word war II. Heidelberg, Germany, 1945; Gladys Ripley, contratto, Chich-ester, 1955; Lewis Terman, psychologist, Palo Alto, California, 1956; Eric Coates, composer, London, 1957; Sir John (Jack) Hobbs, cricketer, Hove, 1963. The Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. 1620. Robert Liston used an anaesthetic (ether) for the first time in a British

Nature notes

FIELDFARES arrived las week in the London parks. These large Scandinavian thrushes feed on the ground when all is quiet, then fly up to the trectops with a ranting chuckle. Mistle thrushes, which are close relatives, have begun to sing: they too are birds of the high branches. whose wild bursts of song can be heard a long way off.

On lakes and rivers, little grebes or dabchicks are already making their whinnying spring call. Goldeneyes from Russia are coming into Britain: they are lively, diving ducks with a bright yellow eye and, in the drakes, a white cheek patch on a dark green head. Some winter on inland waters, while others congre-gate round the outflow of sewers into the sea, especially

A few white flower heads are left on hogweed and its



operation, University College Hospital, London, 1846.

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waterside counterpart, wild angelica. White dead-nettle is the only common flower: its blooms are like white helmets, streaked inside with green. Clumps of heart's-tongue fern still flourish on the sides of ditches. In the afternoon, swarms of winter gnats dance in the air in sheltered places: these gnats belong to the daddy-long-legs family, not the mosquito family, and do not bite.



University news

Dr Michael Lean has been ap-pointed to the Rank Chair of Human Number

Iwo mathemeticians, Dr Michael van den Berg and Dr James Howie, and two physicists, Dr Julian Jones and Dr Gordon Peckham, are promoted to per-

Two Readers in the Department of Biological Sciences are promoted to personal professorships: Dr Brian Austin and Dr Geoff

Mrs Margot Cameron-Jones, Director (Teacher Education) at Moray House College, has been appointed to a personal professorship in Teaching Studies. Dr Douglas Mair. Reader in the Department of Economics, has been appointed to a personal professorship.

Promotions to readerships: Dr P A Aspinall, Landscape Architecture, Dr H J Baker, Phys-ics, Mr D Carr, Institute of

Mr D S Fordyce, Civil and Offshore Engineering: Dr A K Kar, Physics Dr A C McKinnon, Business Organisation; Dr C G Moore, Biological Sciences, Dr R L Reuben, Mechanical Engineering: Dr R B Snadden, Chemistry.

promotion effective on December 31, 1992, announced in June

1992, for officers of the Royal

Navy, Royal Marines and Wom-

en's Royal Naval Service are confirmed. The following pro-

visional selections have been made

for promotion to date June 30, 1993. The early promotions to

CAPTAIN: WK Benbow; J FI Morgan; N R Ower; J B Harvey; P W H Swaze; D A Phillips; D A Lewis; C R Style.

Phillips: D A Lewis, C R Style.

COMMANDER: M J Date: W G Andrew;
A K Grant: R W Bei-Davies: M M D
Mason: W J Chambers: S W Upright: M
C P Snow: P W Hollinead: K D J Slower:
P D Hennessey: M D Tart: S T
Williams: K Harvey: C A Snow: I W
Greenleer: B N B Williams: S M
Gillespie; S J F Bateman.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER
promoted 12 months early: S J N
Kings (eff January 1, 1993); J A Morse
(eff January 1, 1993); T P Fraser (eff
April 1, 1993).

IN MEMORIAM -

PRIVATE

ective on the dates shown:

Archaeology

Coin hoard 'was soldiers' pay'

By Norman Hammond, archaeology correspondent

last month in Suffolk may have included soldiers' pay that was never delivered. The quality and quantity of coinage in the find was far greater than in any other hoard of the period and suggests cash is-sued for a specific purpose. The treasure, found at

Hoxne by Bric Lawes, a retired gardener, has been hailed by archaeologists as one of the most outstanding discoveries this century. One specialist said that "it could be as important for late Roman studies in Britain as the Sutton Hoo ship burial has been for the early Saxon period".

The Hoxne find included a reported 1,000 gold coins and more than 5,000 silver ones. The latest issues were of the iast Roman emperor to rule Britain, Honorius (AD 393-423) and of his co-emperor Arcadius (AD 383-408), and the deposition of the chest

Royal Marines
COLONEL: G G H Duniop.
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: 1 R
GArdiner; A R FIRAL; R A Fly.
MAJOR: J P Crusby; J B McCabbin; S G
L P Buzza: W A Canning: W R
MACLEMAN, G I ROBEON.

Royal Navai Reserve, Women's Royal Naval Reserve and Queen

Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service (Reserve)

The following provisional selec-tions have been made for promo-tion to date March 31, 1993:

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LIEUTENANT COMMANDER: J E
Harding: CI O'CORNOT: M K Mills: D S
Wyatt: J P Gamble: V A Daly: M C
Myers: V R Jackson; V J Kendall: A H
Linieboy: K A Mendelsohn: M H
Richards: J A Hardey: V N Waddell: P
M Haller: P B Roche; B Duggus: J S
Parris: J E Hutchinson; K Hart: D W
Szewart D Cook: R P Wrelord: R J
Filmess: A J Hargrave: S P Thome: L W
Crooks; K J Baker: C M P Bradford; A
Spray; S L Layabon.

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THE Roman treasure found, containing the treasure has been placed at AD 400-420, the period when Honorius withdrew the last legions from Britain.

Some of the coins are in such good condition that they may well have been fresh from the mint. Several of the ways in which a large sum in coin could be accumulated, including collected taxes and the proceeds of sale of land, would almost certainly have

resulted in a wider variety.

The only ways in which a person could acquire such a quantity of coinage would be through a massive bribe from official sources or a tranche of government pay. Since the spot where the coins were found lies close to an important Roman road, leading from London via Colchester (Camulodumum) to Caister St Edmund (Venta Icenorum), the money could well have

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SURGEON CAFTAIN (D): J V Hotland

SURGEON COMMANDER (D: No
Sulocions on this occasion.

Royal Marines

COMMANDER: C G D Taylor, W M
Surnerland: S W Raines.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

COMMANDER: C Parsons, N R

Rebbrario: R J Linesler; R D Bateman; J J

Surnerland: S W Raines.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER

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COMMANDER: no selections
LIEUTENANT COMMANDER promoted 12 months early: no

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LIBUTENANT COMMANDER - promoved 6 mornins early: J N G King left
July 1, 1993; C 1 Moore left October 1,
1993; S B Howell (eft November 1,
1993).

Engineering
CAPTAIN: S A Locke: J V Wright: P R
Deces; T V Harr, R F Cheedle.

walled town which may in the early 5th century have been defended by foederates, mercenary troops recruited on the Continent. It lay inland from the great Saxon shore forts at Burgh Castle and Caister by Yarmouth, which could also have been garrisoned. The money could have been destined for any of these places.

Although it has been sug-

Venta Icenorum was a

gested that the Hoone treasure was the wealth of a single family, no other late hourd has such an accumulation of cash. The jewellery and small precious objects may well have been private possessions, but there is no sign of the family plate which wealthy people might have been expected to

Such questions, however, will only be resolved when British Museum experts give evidence to the treasure trove inquest next year.

COMMANDER: R E WHISTON, R D Coupe, M C Cowdrey, R Albon.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER -promoted 12 months early: no selections

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER -promoted 6 months early: J F Linchfield (aff July 16, 1993); C M Stidmore (aff December 1, 1993).

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER E D

LEGAL NOTICES

Mr S.A.H. Kerr-Sunley and Miss N.M.L. Barrow The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary's, Cadogan Street, of Mr Simon Alastair Hugh Kerr-Smiley, son of Mr and Mrs Hector Kerr-Smiley, of Elms Hall, Colne Engaine, Essex, to Miss Nony Mary Louise Barrow, daughter of Kate Lady Barrow, of London, SWIL Canon H. Veal London, SWII. Canon H. Veal

Marriages

omcated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr Brian Botting, was attended by Isabella Kerr-Smiley, Elizabeth Grenfell and Pippa and Robin Howeson. Mr Dominic Brown was best man. A reception was held at the Basil

Captain J.B. Rumble and Mrs D. Villiers The marriage took place quietly on December - 19 between John Rumble and Elizabeth Villiers.

Mr D.G.F.A.X. Soskin and Miss A.C.W. Hockenball
A Service of Blessing was held on
Thursday, December 17. at the
Chapet, Magdalen College,
Oxford, following the marriage of
Mr David Soskin, youngest son of
the late Mr M.G. and of Mrs R.R.
Soskin, in Miss Alexandra
Hockenhull, younger daughter of
Mr and Mrs A.J.W. Hockenhull.
The Rev J. Sedgwick officiated.
The bride, who was given away
by her father, was attended by
Annabel Busbridge and Oliver
Clark. Mr Michael Kinsley was
best man. and Miss A.C.W. Hocken

A reception was held at Exeter College and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Captain R. Staveley, RHA, and Miss S.J. Symmonds

The marriage took place on December 19, at St Giles, Skeiton. York, between Captain Robin Staveley, RHA, only son of Major-General and Mrs Robert Staveley, and Miss Susan Symmonds, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Symmonds. The Rev John Richardson officiated. The bride, who was given away

by her father, was attended by Helen Symmonds, Sarah-Jean Peters, Tracey White and Rosemany Cracionell. Mr Jonathan Knocker was best man.

A reception was held at Bilbrough Manor and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Sir Kenneth MacMillan

A service of thanksgiving for the iffe and work of Sir Kenneth MacMillan will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Wednesday, February 17, 1993. Applications for dickets should be wide in problem on The Assistant made in writing to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 17, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey, London, SW1P 3PA, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, by not later than Wednesday, January 27. Tickets will be posted on Friday, February 5. Admission to the service will be by ticket only. All are welcome to apply for tickets.

Forthcoming marriages

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Mr D.J.C. Bodiner and Miss C.J. Wennyss The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs John Bodmer, of Boxgrove Susser, and Catkin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Nigel Wernyss, of Newbury, Berkshire.

Mr S.C. Cullen and Miss LA. McAllister The engagement is announced between Stuart, youngest son of Mr and Mrs W. Cullen, of Warrington, Cheshire, and Lynne. elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J.B. McAllister, of Union Mills, Isle of Man (previously Banger, Northern ireland).

Mr J. Dawson and Miss F. Ewart

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, elder son of Mrs Maureen Dawson and the late Barry Dawson, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs John Ewart, of Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire,

Mr J. Garel-Jones and Miss A.R. Phillips The engagement is announced between Julian, eldest son of the Right Hon Tristan Garel-Jones, MP, and Mrs Garel Jones, and Ana, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Phillips, of Fife Road, East

Mr J.V. Harding and Miss A.S. Towe The engagement is announced between John, son of Mrs Josephine Harding, of Reddith, Worcestershire, and Angela, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Towe, of Essington, Staffordshire. Mr M.N. Knight-Adams

and Miss AJ. Stevenson

The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr Gerard Knight-Adams and the late Mrs Kathleen Knight-Adams and stepson of Mrs Joan Knight-Adams, of Tredington, Warwickshire, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Swart William Stevenson, of Upper Longdon, Staffordshire

Mr O.O. Kolade and Miss K.S. McKenzie The engagement is announced between Oluwole Olatunde, son of Ambassador and Mrs Emmanuel Kolade, of Lagos, Nigeria, and Kerry Suzanne, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm J. McKenzie, of Haywards Heath,

Mr N.T. Mulles

and Miss G. Gray
The engagement is announced between Nell only son of Mr and Mrs R. McC. Mullens, of Kings Walden, Hertfordshire, and Gillian, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Gray, of Sandbach, Cheshire.

Mr N.P. Pati

and Miss S.J. Savage
The engagement is announced between Nigel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Patience, of Hiddenstein Company of Hatelenge 1981 Rickmansworth. Hertfordshire. and Sarah, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Trevor Savage, of Purley.

Latest wills

Recent wills include:

Sir Francis Anthony Gray, of Upton Scudemore, Warminster, Witshire, secretary and Keeper of the Records for the Duchy of Comwall 1972-81, also for 20 years pressurer of Christ Church, Oxford, left estate valued at £306,821 net.

Mr Arnold Masheter. Frenchwood, Preston, Lancashire, left estate valued at £802,726 net. He left £102,500, his car, piano, taliboy and desk to personal lega-tees, his personal chattels not otherwise bequeathed to the Salva-tion Army, and the residue equally between the Salvation Army and

LEGAL NOTICES

Bowey: P D Cibbs M B Sambrook: S A between W Ewing: R G S Minchell: D J RNIB. SUPERINTENDING NURSING Mr Henry Afred Pakerson, of Superint Pakerson, of Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, left

state valued at £253,211 net. He left his entire estate equally be-tween the British Heart Foundstion, the Imperial Cancer Research. Fund and the RNLI. Mr Derek Walter Cox, of Langton

Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, retired auctioneer and estate agent, left estate valued at £3,625,420 net. Mr Nigel Mervyn Sanders, of

Hampstead Garden Suburb. London N2, left estate valued at £3,091,939 net. Mrs Elspeth Waterhouse, of

Wilpshire, Blackburn, Lancashire, widow of Norman Waterhouse, left estate valued at £1,728,876 net. She left personal bequests and £15,000 to the East Lancashire Hospice, £5,000 to the Animal Shelter, Holker House, Altham. and the residue to the Mrs Waterhouse Charitable Trust.

TEL: 071 481 4000

DEATHS

PERSONAL COLUMN

Royal Navy and WRNS promotions

FAX: 071 481 9313

The message of the cross is sweet folly to those on the way to destruction but to us, who are on the way to salvation, it is the power of God, i Cortothians 1; i8 BIRTHS FODEN-PATTHISON - On December 17th, to Louise and Nicholas, a daughter, Soptie Elizabeth. 14th, to Arnie and Rivka, a daughter, Sharon Sylvie. MILLICHAP - On December 10th, to Gare (née Harrison) and Gerry, a son, Oliver SCOTT / PLEYDELL-BOUVESSE - On Describe 19th, to Grania and Niels, a son, Finn. CHAUGHMESSY - On These day December 15th to Anne. wife of David Shaughnessy, of Los Angeles, USA a daugh-SNAPE - On December 15th to Angels & Nigel a see, Tony Gerald William. DEATHS BENZ - On 17th December 1992 at Inglewood Nursing Home. Easthourne. Mercifully released after a long limes. Norman aged 79

long limess, Norman aged 79 years. Will be sadly missed by all his family. Now resting in peace with Elizabeth. Funeral Service at St Johns Church, Meads Easthouse, on Tuesday 29th December at 2 gm. followed by cremation. No flowers please. But it desired donations for imperial conations for imperial character Research Fund 1900 be sent to Maine & Son Lin., 19 South Street, Easthourne.

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Hill - Irene Lillian, pencefully in Meadbank Muraing Home. SW11. on 18th December. Widow of Walter Hill O.S.E. mother of Vivies Keighley, standarder of Newton and great-grandmother of Emily. Funeral Thursday 24th December. 1.30 pm, punney Valle Crematorium. Stag Lime. SW15. Donations to Caucer Research or flowers by 12 noon to E Larner & Son. 117 Falcon Road. SW11 2PE. (071) 223-5432. HILL - Irene Lillian, pe 16th. tragically. Alexander
David Dutton, aged 50, much
loved son of Julia and the
late David Dutton Bandworth,
and brother of Richard,
William. Ben and Adam.
Funeral at St Mary's Church,
Earl Stonhom, Suffolk,
Tuesday 22nd December
2.30gm. Enquiries to Tony
Brown Funeral Directors.
Saxmundham, Suffolk, 0728
603108 OAVES - On December 16th 1992, at home, with his family, Roger Rhya, aged 56, Julievitis a courageous about and loving Instand of Janet and father of Sarah, Rebecca and Julian, Will be greatly missed by family, friends, and colleagues at Leslie & Godwin. Private cranation. No flowers please. Donallons to Roger Davies Charity Appeti. (of Thorne-Legott. Peteratiech Road, Whitehili, Bordon GUSS 9AR. A Sarvice of Thanksqiving will take place at St Andrew's Parish Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Tuesday January 5th 1993 at 11.30 am. LEATHERLAND On December 1871, pencerully, Charles Edward, Baron, Leatherland of Dunton, aged 94. Private cremation on Wednesday December 237d, Family flowers only please. Donalions to St Margaret's Hospital, Epping, Essex. 1992, Winsome Margaret.
Funetal at ishogon
Crematorium on Tuesday
December 22nd at 3.30 pm.
No flowers, donalions to
Whaten for the flowers.
318 Corbets Tey Road,
Upminister.

MARDWIENT Margery Evelyn (Molly), of The Hed Lion Hotel and Inlety of Vanity Fair Clemers. Salisbury. Passed away product the horse of the Head of the Salisbury Hospice Care Trust of Line House, 65 Winchester Street, Salisbury. With, SPI 1HL. RASST - On December 10th.
Robert A.P (Bob). Beloved
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physician to the Queen, and from 1973 divided his time

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and a homeopathic-/osteopathic practice he

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In 1980 he succeeded Dr

Blackie as homeopathic physician to the Queen - a position

which reflects the royal fam-

ily's long-standing faith in the treatment. He retired from

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Elliott was sub-dean of the

Faculty of Homeopathy in Britain between 1976 and

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at Cambridge in 1975, president of the International Association of Agricultural Medicine and Rural Health

1972-78, a trustee of the Rehabilitation Trust of Great

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Ten years ago he indulged himself by buying the lordship

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DR CHARLES **ELLIOTT**

Dr Charles Kennedy Ellight, former homeopathic physician to the Queen, died on December 8 aged 73. He was born on May 14, 1919.

CHARLES "Ken" Elliott was converted to homeopathy at the age of 50 after studying its results and being impressed by them. He rose to become a leading British practitioner with a country practice and

consulting rooms in London. The Prince of Wales sought his opinion on the future development of complementary medicine and his numerous contributions to medical literature included the book. Classical Homeopathy which he jointly edited in 1985.

An avid sports car enthusi-ast all his life, he even invested as a young man in the number-plate "DOC 1". though this reflected his sense of humour rather than

ambition. Ken Elliott was born in Ireland, a businessman's son, and was educated at Campbell College, Belfast, and Trinity, Dublin - where he qualified

50 years ago. He was then swept up by the war and found himself attached as a medical captain to the army in Burma. From there he was moved to Siam where he worked on the rehabilitation of British troops from the Japanese prison

camps. After the war he settled as a general practitioner in Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, where he became interested in the occupational health of farmers. He helped to found the Institute of Agricultural Medicine which promoted the study of such subjects as



JACQUES PERRET

JACQUES Perret, a writer who twisted the tongues of generations of students learning French, died on Decem-

ber 10 aged 91. Perret fought in the French army against Moroccan tribesman in the 1920s and spent the second world war as a prisoner of war, inspiring his best-known work. Le Caporal Epingle. The hero, a buffoonish corporal with a poetic streak, recites a tongue-twisting line that teachers of French have used ever since to pound the letter T into the heads of reluctant students: Ton the t'a-t-il ôte ta toux? Roughly translated, it means, "Has your tea relieved your

cough?"
The novel nearly won France's prestigious Prix Goncourt in 1947, and was awarded the Grand Prix de la Ville de Paris in 1979. A film version was made in 1962. Perret was married and had a son and daughter.

LORD LEATHERLAND

Lord Leatherland, soldier, journalist and local government expert, who helped to found Essex University, died on on December 17 aged 94. He was born on April 18, 1898.

CHARLES Leatherland, believed to have been the youngest company sergeant-major in the first world war, lived to be one of the oldest members of the House of Lords. He had a notable career in both fournalism and local government. For many years he combined the post of news editor of the old Daily Herald with membership of Essex County Council His devotion to his paper and his council was matched only by his interest in riding. He owned a couple of hunters, tried to spend two hours a day in the saddle and insisted on having Tuesdays off in order to ride with the Essex Union Foxhounds - an activity not normally pursued either by news editors of national newspapers or Labour aldermen.

an army bandmaster. He was born in Warwickshire, re-ceived his elementary school education in Birmingham and became one of the country's first shorthand-typists. He was mainly self-taught in both techniques but became so proficient that by the time he was 14 he had secured a post with Birmingham Corpora-tion Clerical life had already started to bore him when war broke out and, as the son of a professional soldier, he was additionally anxious to join the colours. He lied about his age to join the Royal Warwickshire Regiment when he was 16 and within a few months was in action in France. He

Leatherland was the son of



and survived the slaughter on the Somme. At 18 he was a company sergeant-major. On his 90th birthday his fellow peer, Viscount Monckton, a veteran of the second world war though not a member of Leatherland's political party, organised a celebratory luncheon at Westminster. Monckton, a major general, proposed the birthday toast to ex-CSM Leatherland and it was seconded by a field marshal, Lord Carver. Among those drinking the toast was Lord Houghton, Leather-land's junior by only four

months and himself a survivor of Paschendaele. Leatherland fought through France and Belgium, served briefly in the army of occupation in Germany and joined the Labour party the day he was demobilised. He returned

to work as a council cierk in Birmingham, disliked it as much as ever and talked his way into a job on the Macclesfield Courier. Politics was becoming increasingly important to him, however, and he moved to join the Labour party's press department. From there it was a natural

translation to the Laboursupporting Daily Herald, where, as news editor, he battled with considerable success for many years against the greater resources of Fleet Street's other national newspapers. He was appointed assistant editor before he retired on reaching the paper's age-limit of 65. Soon afterwards the paper to which he had devoted so much of his life was absorbed into the IPC Sun, which was later taken over by Rupert Murdoch. By that time Leatherland had become a Labour life peer.

In the Lords he was regarded, rightly, as a leading authority on local government. He brought to the upper house more than 20 years experience as an alderman of Essex County Council. He was chairman of the council in 1960-61 and twice served as vice chairman. He wrote widely on the problems of local government. He took a leading part in the creation of Essex University, acting as treasurer and a member of its council from its inception until 1973. His role was recognised by the award of an honorary doctorate and life membership of the university's court. He was an Essex magistrate from 1944 to 1970, most of that time as deputy chairman. His military experiences led him to play a prominent part in the work of the Essex and East Anglian Territorial Associations. After he retired from journalism he became a member of the Basildon Development Corporation and also served as an additional mem-

He was married in 1923 to Mary Elizabeth Morgan, who died in 1987. They had a son and a daughter.

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VAN PHILLIPS

Van Phillips, dance-band leader, arranger and composer, and later a travel photographer, died on November 7 aged 87. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on January 27, 1905.

DURING the 1930s Van Phillips was an active member of the broadcasting and filmmaking musical fraternity in London. He later wrote the music for the futuristic BBC radio series, Journey Into Space.

Having been brought to London by a fellow American musician, Carrol Gibbons, in 1925 to play saxophone in the Savoy Havana Band and later the Savoy Orpheans, Phillips became a musical arranger and recording studio manager for Colombia Records, working with the bands of Jack Payne, Billy Cotton, Ambrose and Henry Hall and the singers, Al Bowlly, Jack Plant. Sam Browne and Paul

Robeson. In 1931, he formed what in those days was called a combo, The Four Bright Sparks, and, in the same year, orchestrated a stage musical, Bow Bells, Three years later he arranged the score for the film Contraband. He became Jack Buchanan's musical director at Pinewood Studios and was responsible for the music for Land Without Music which starred Richard Tauber, Break the News, featuring Jack Buchanan and Maurice Chevalier, and Jericho, featuring Paul Robeson. Several other Buchanan films followed including The Sky's The

Limit and Smash and Grab. Phillips also broadcast regu-larly on the BBC and Radio Luxemburg with his own or-chestra featuring such musicians as Max Goldberg, Leon Goosens, Ted Heath and Ivor Mairants. In 1936 he had a 26-wee

BBC radio series and in 1939 the BBC series Time to Laugh (a dance-band comedy series) in which he also wrote the gags and sketches. In the same year he also started broadcasting regularly with Radio Luxembourg (Pond's Serenade to Beauty). He wrote the distinctive "radio-phonic" theme music for Journey into Space, a cult-1950s radio series, in 1953. The programme, translated into 17 languages for international distribution and repeated in 1989, featured David Jacobs. later to gain greater fame as a disc-jockey and musical presenter, Charles Chilton, the programme's writer. Andrew Faulds, later to become an

MP, and Alfie Bass. Alexander VanCleve Phillips, Junior, was born into a large, wealthy middle-class American family of jute manufacturers and farmers, and learnt his love of music at the family's Steinway grand

piano. At 15 he ran away to Miami to play clarinet for a living. Walking home past a gentlemens' outliners displaying the snazziest of tuxedos, buck-skin shoes, and white flannels, and desiring to become the best dressed jazzman in town, he



broke into the store and over a short period helped himself to 24 suitcases of mens' clothes. He consequently found himself in police custody and served a period in reform school before resuming his

It was on the day he was to enter Harvard University, that Van Phillips had a call from an old friend, the Londonbased American pianist and bandleader, Carroll Gibbons who had returned to America to recruit two saxophonists for the Savoy Havana Band in London. In addition to his musical activities, Van Phillips became increasingly involved in political activity; an avowed aetheist, he was an active member, and funder, of the Communist Party of Great Britain, and remained so for most of his life. He also became president of the London branch of the Musicians' Union. He mavelled extensively to other branches helping to increase the union's membership and bringing about the affiliation of other groups from the music world. In 1949, amid much controversy, he became chairman of the Musicians' Union. He encouraged overseas musicians to unionise, affiliated the Musicians' Union to the TUC and, as a result of the 1943 musicians' strike in the US, pressured musicians to embargo recording companies sell-

ing material in America. He turned increasingly to writing incidental and background music for the libraries of recorded music and when commercial television began in September 1965 he was on the air immediately doing 70 to 80 broadcasts over the first

two years. Phillips also travelled abroad extensively taking photographs. From this hobby developed a business of selling still-lifes to greetings card companies. In 1966 he produced The Traveller's Book of Photography, which sold 150,000 copies. Phillips finally gave up his musical activi-ties in 1968 having become fully involved in photography. He retired from his travels

only in 1987 aged 82. Van Phillips was married briefly in 1926 to Helen Redman who died shortly afterwards. He subsequently lived with Honour Blair, an actress, for many years, though they were never mar-ried. She died in Greece in

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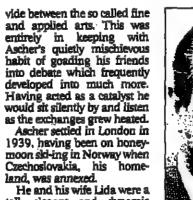
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FOR fifty years in both London and Paris; Zika Ascher was a potent force in the art of producing textiles for fashion. In 1945 he conceived Charles in London and as Ken the idea of commissioning in Cambridgeshire and by his artists to produce designs for head squares which he would screen print onto silk. At this time he had no relevant personal contacts but went straight to France, tracked down the studios of Picasso, Derain, Jean Cocteau, Marie Laurencin and the like, knocked on their doors and put the proposition to them.

> With typical modesty Ascher always asserted that this was because times were hard. However, the result was a collection of limited edition scarves that reads like a role call of mid-20th century art. Ascher intended that they should be worn but they have been habitually treated as paintings, a fact which revived the controversy about the di-

Remarkably, they all agreed.



tall, elegant and dynamic couple, bursting with ideas, injected much needed zest into the dreary post-war British textiles and fashion scene. Ascher had a difficult time establishing his company but his vision, drive and tenacity served him well.

He was devoted to the arts. particularly to modern painting. Taking the fine art into textiles theme to the extreme. he commissioned Matisse and Henry Moore to provide cartoons for enormous hangings which were painstakingly screen printed onto linen in the Ascher print room. He directed the printing and made sure that every nuance



of the artist's work was captured. Many British artists, such as Barbara Henworth. Ben Nicolson and John Piper. provided him with designs. Unlike Lids, who produced

delightful small scale patterns for fashion fabrics, Zika Ascher did not design, but each season he "orchestrated" the Ascher collection. He had a brilliant eye, could spot young, artistic ability a mile off and was a superb colourist. His profession had the mun-

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dane title of textile convertor and producer which totally belies the magic of the fabrics which emerged bearing the Ascher label. His shop in Wigmore Street was a hive of activity and from his showroom in Paris, he achieved the feat of selling luxury dress fabrics to the grand couturiers among them Schiaparelli, Dior, Balenciaga, Yves Saint Laurent, Givenchy and Pierre Cardin. Among his innovative tex-

tiles, one particular favourite was a lightweight mohair and nylon which enabled Lanvin-Castillo to create huge, swing coats which were best sellers in 1957 and began a widespread fashion craze.

In addition to his chosen

career, Ascher was a world class downhill skier and any free time was spent on the slopes. And his Sunday salons were lively, surreal mixes of folk, old and new, from all walks of life.

Zika Ascher never retired and, late in life, his contribution was recognised in the retrospective exhibition, Ascher. Fabric, Art. Fashion organised by the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1987.

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INSURANCE POLICY OF ON THIS DAY THE DOCTORS

The representative meeting of the British Medical Association to be held at the December 21 1912 Memorial Hall today will bring to an end the first phase of the long-drawn struggle between the medical profession and the Government. During the last few weeks the medical **发现的** practitioners of the country have been voting

The government met with the opposition of the medical profession when introducing national health — as it did in 1946. Lloyd on the question whether or not they should accept service under the Insurance Act. The returns show an overwhelming majority against the acceptance of service, the actual George also had to contend with Northcliffe numbers being 11,309 against and 2,422 in who used The Times to damn the bill. common knowledge that they have not been That the delegates to the representative meeting will ratify the decision of the majority is a foregone conclusion. It may therefore be

granted, and many of the doctors have been content to leave the matter there. Doctors, as a body, are extremely busy men, and as the votes have been taken, for the most part, at the conclusion of the meetings summoned to consider the situation, only a limited number of the practitioners have been able to attend and record their votes.

As stated above the undertaking of the British Medical Association has been signed by 27,400 practitioners. Its terms are as follows-

1, the undersigned, hereby undertake that

in the event of the National Insurance Bill becoming law, I will not enter into any agreement for giving medical attendance and treatment to persons insured under the Bill, excepting such as shall be satisfactory to the medical profession and in accordance with the declared policy of the British Medical Association: and that I will enter into such agreement only through a local Medical Committee representative of the medical profession in the district in which I practise. and will not enter into any agreement with any approved society or other body for the treatment of such persons.

A medical correspondent writes with reference to this undertaking-

The undertaking, as well as the pledge complementary to it, is still in full force. It was entered into before the Bill became an Act, but it is distinctly stated that the undertaking is given in the event of the National Insurance Bill becoming law. It is evident that no agreement under the present conditions and regulations can be satisfactory to the medical profession, in view of the vote just taken by direction of the representative body. The declared policy of the British Medical Association at the present time is that the Act and the regulations under it are unworkable and derogatory to the profession."

THE TIMES TODAY

NEWS

UK and US clash over Bosnia

John Major and President Bush announced yesterday that Britain and America would work together on a United Nations resolution enforcing the "no-fly zone" in Bosnia. However. Western policy on enforcing the "no-fly zone" over Bosnia was thrown into confusion after Mr Major and Dick Cheney, the United States defence secretary, contradicted each another about setting Serbia a 15-day deadline to cease

Rabin defies world's condemnation

As Israel's supreme court met to consider an appeal by deported Palestinian Muslim fundamentalists, Yitzhak Rabin's cabinet dug in against worldwide condemnation of its mass expulsions. The Israeli strike against the Hamas Islamic Resistance Movement threatened to backfire Page 1

Fishing deal

British fishermen have been granted a big increase in the amount of haddock they can take from the North Sea next year. But catches of some other species will be cut or held at current low volumes and new conservation measures could reduce fishing further in ... Page 2

Teenager raped

A girl aged 14 was beaten and raped by a masked man who seized her in an alleyway as she delivered newspapers near her home in a co. Durham

De Klerk purge

President de Klerk has ordered the immediate retirement or suspension of 23 officers of the South African Defence Force, including at least two generals and four brigadiers, over "dirty tricks" operations...... Page 8

Private track

Managers will be brought in from the private sector to run Railtrack, the new rail infrastructure authority, once legislation to break up and sell off the railways receives royal assent...... Page 5

Yard blocked

Objections by cabinet ministers are delaying plans by Scotland Yard to merge VIP, royalty and diplomatic protection squads into a single department. The ministers are said to have complained that the changes would end the rapport between protec-

tion officers and the people they look after...

X-rayed mummy

The secrets of an Egyptian mummy have been revealed for the first time in Britain without having to remove it from its casket. A team from St Thomas's Hospital, London, used X-ray scanning to get precise and detailed pictures of the body and

Smith challenged

John Smith, the Labour leader, was challenged to abandon traditional Labour thinking on welfare policies and his own support for universal benefits by Frank Field, chairman of the Commons social security select

Exiled prayers

The 415 Palestinians expelled from Israel opened their third day in no man's land by taking part in morning prayers for their . Page 8

Taiwan blow

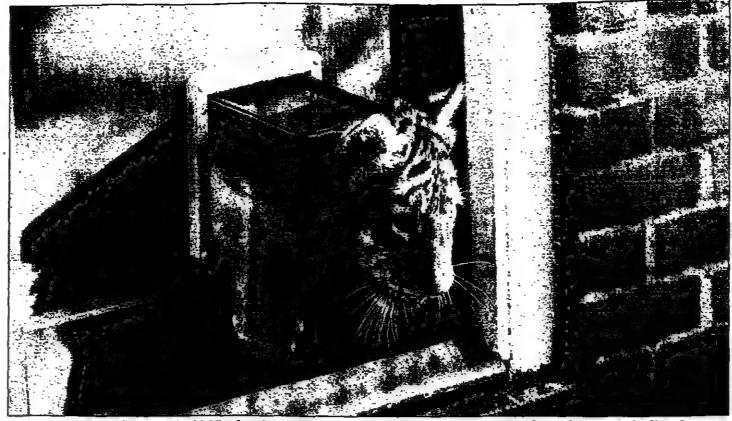
Taiwan's ruling Nationalist party, the Kuomintang, was dealt a heavy blow in the first free parliamentary elections in more than 40 years, making reunification of the island with China even less likely in the foresecable future .. Page 🤋

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11 UN peacekeepers, whom they had kidnapped and threatened to kill...

For hotel lovers, Smith beats Major

Lovers are being "completely blatant" about their affairs, says a new survey. Most hoteliers report that fewer couples register under pseudonyms. But, for the diminishing number of secretive romantics, "Smith" is used in three out of four occasions. The name "Major" has become more common, with 6 per cent of illicit partners using it ... Page 4



Head strong: a four-month-old Siberian tiger cub at Howletts wild animal park in Kent takes a short cut at feeding time

Supply-side wee: Suppliers to the Ford Motor Company are being asked to cut prices on components and materials, while being warned that the car firm may cut the number of suppliers.... ... Page 32

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Flying high: British Airways' ambitions for a US partner will not be extinguished by the almost certain rejection of a proposed BA stake in USAir by the Bush administrationPage 32

Troubled waters: Ofwat, the water watchdog, has attacked Severn Trent for favouring shareholders above customers in setting price

SPORT Football: Nottingham Forest, the

bottom dub in the Premier League, were unable to make up much ground on their nearest rivals as they were held to a 1-1 draw by Wimbledon at the City Ground yesterday. Wimbledon are one place and four points above Forest. The chances of Leeds United, the League champions, retaining their title received a further blow when they were beaten 1-0 at Crystal ... Pages 17, 22

Cricket: Keith Fletcher, the England manager, was confident Robin Smith would not miss any early cricket on the tour of India after breaking a toe during practice at Page 17

Goff: Nick Faido confirmed his position as the world's top golfer when he won the world championship in jamaica . .. Page 17

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Follow the leader: Christmas is a time when most people would not wish to be reminded that "there is only emptiness". But in the Devon town of Totnes, seekers of divine wisdom are soaking up this existential message from an unlikely new spiritual guru who is 25 years

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Thoroughly mad: Kenneth Bran-agh's Hamlet, in the new Royal Shakespeare Company production, is a solid piece of work, recommended to those unfamiliar with Lost Handel: John Fisher's con-

ducting debut at Covent Garden. the first production there of Handel's Alcina since Zeffirelli's in 1962, proves something of a disappointment to our critic Page 26 Reunited: Tchaikovsky was com-

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Hillary Clinton, the

US president-elect's.

the butt of national

abuse after being

husband's cabinet

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wife, looks likely to be

promised a seat in be

Bold and brazen: This season there is no such thing as overaccessorising. The trend for baroque splendour, with all the trappings, provides a perfect chance to plunder the coffers and pile on the family jewels... Page 11

Home from home: The days when fathers simply dispatched their children off to their old schools, on the rough and ready basis that what was good enough for them was good enough for their children, have long disappeared. When it comes to boarding schools, more

and more mothers are taking over the decision-making Page 24



Orestes Lorenzo Peres, a Cuban pilot who defected to America in a stolen fighter last year, flew back to Cuba to bring out his wife and sons Page 8

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Pym's No. 1: Patricia Routledge plays Barbara Pym in a good film about the novelist's trip to London for the Booker prize ceremony in 1977. See it again in Bookmark (BBC2, 9.30pm)

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A fresh start

It seems morally inconceivable any of the senior officials involved in the formulation and execution of monetary policy should even be considered so soon after Black Wednesday for promotion to governor of the Bank of England ... Page 13

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War or peace?

The choice in the Serbian presidential elections is a clear one and should not be muddled with European pragmatism. It is a choice between war and peace Page 13

Seasonal solecisms

(from December, 1953) Christmas cards should form, as bureaucrats say, the subject of a separate communication; and it may be laid down as a general rule that anyone who uses a main verb on a Christmas card has almost certainly gone a bit too farPage 13

COLUMNS

MATTHEW PARRIS

Like wood, popular thinking has a grain which you will not easily counter, though all the logic in the world support you. Try, for instance, explaining to your grandparents why things do not really cost more than when they were children ..

BERNARD LEVIN

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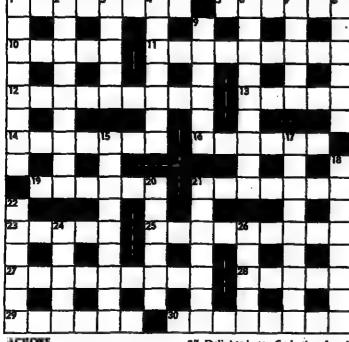
PETER RIDDELL

John Major should have done more than commiserate with George Bush during their weekend get-together at Camp David. He should have found out the real reasons for the American president's defeat seven weeks ago. They provide a warning to Mr Major if he is to avoid defeat himself in four vears' time

THE PAPERS

After a year of savage slaughter. mass rapes, ethnic cleansing and undoubted genocide, the world has responded with all the right words on Bosnia). But the question remains, what will the world do? -The New York Times

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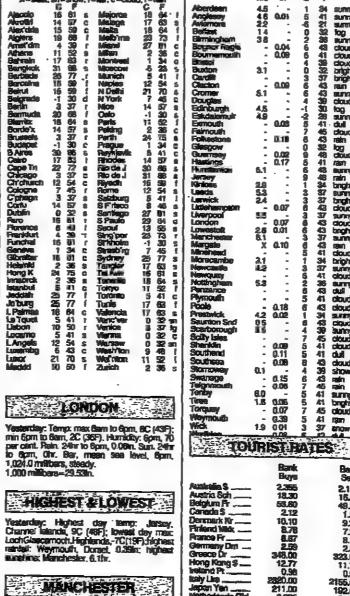
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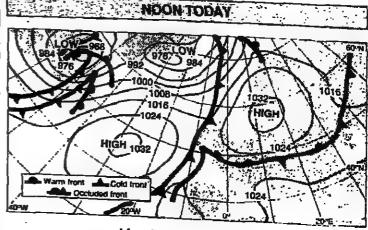


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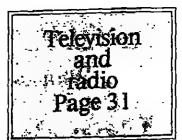
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MONDAY DECEMBER 21 1992

Open champion repels Australian challenge to take world title in sudden-death finish

Faldo repels Norman's conquest

FROM MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN MONTEGO BAY

NICK Faldo yesterday completed another enthralling chapter in his astonishing career when he won the Johnnie Walker world championship following a pulsating sudden-death finish at the

Tryali Course. Faldo began the final round with a five-shot lead, but he found it anything other than a stroll in the Caribbean sun as the Australian Greg Norman launched a gallant charge.

Indeed, Norman walked off the 14th green one in front and he appeared to have the championship in his grasp until a dramatic twist of fortune on the 18th green.

There Faldo charged a putt of 16 feet into the hole for a birdie and a round of 68, and Norman contrived to miss from little more than three feet for a course record-breaking round of 63 and a total of 274, six under par.

Norman hit his second shot at the first extra hole into a fluffy lie from where he was unable to get up and down, and Faldo's cast-iron four gave him the title.

"It was do or die at the 18th." Faldo said. "I thought Greg would hold his putt but I also thought what the hell go and knock your one in'. I was fortunate to have a fiveshot lead. I couldn't do any-thing against him — he could have shot 60 — but I just tried to remain positive."

Faldo's sixth victory of the year gave him a new record of £1,558,978 for worldwide earnings in 1992. He also a total of the existing broke with record for winnings in one year from events sanctioned by the PGA European Tour.

Norman knew that he would have to make an early move to disturb Faldo's equilibrium, and might have done so by holing from 15 feet for a birdie at the 1st to cut Faldo's lead to four. But Faldo responded by holing from 12 feet for a birdle at the 2nd.

Norman holed from ten feet for a two at the 3rd and he reached the green with a driver and a three-wood for a another birdie at the 4th after Faldo had been unable to get up in two.Faido must have been confident that he had increased his lead from three shots to four when he holed from 25 feet for a birdle at the

7th, but Norman followed him in from 20 feet, Faldo. however, looked more concerned when he failed to hole for birdies from eight feet and ten feet at the 8th and 9th.
Norman maintained his

momentum with a wonderful recovery at the 10th. He drove into a guily, where he found himself blocked out by a tree. His second shot finished right of the green between a bunker and the out-of-bounds fence. but he played an adroit chip to two feet.

The Australian was outdriven at the 11th, but he struck a lovely eight-iron shot to four feet from where he holed for a birdie. Faldo left a 12-foot birdie putt woefully short at the 12th, and he missed again at the 13th, where Norman made a two by holing from 15 feet.

Norman drove at the 14th tee only one shot behind, and he walked off the green one shot ahead. Faldo fired his drive right, found his bell in an unplayable lie amongst the palm trees and finished with a six. Norman hit his metal wood second shot just short. chipped to 20 inches and holed for a four.

Norman wobbled at the short 15th, played alongside the edge of the Ocean, where changed clubs and went over the green. However, he showed his mettle by splash-ing out to three feet for his par. Faldo looked dejected when he missed a birdie chance from six feet at the 16th, and the tide seemed to be turning finally in Norman's favour birdie chance from a similar

distance. An afternoon of high drama was, however, far from over. Norman drove into a bunker at the 18th. Faldo followed a safe tee shot with an approach to 15 feet behind the hole. Norman hit a wonderful shot from the sand which left the ball less than four feet from the cup. Faldo applied the pressure by holing, and Norman dramatically missed.

Tom Kite, the US Open champion recovered from a bad start to finish with a 70 for a share of third place with Davis Love III (66) on 283. Ian Woosnam had a birdie at the 18th for a 68 and a total of 284 to beat Mark Roe (70) by one shot for fifth place.

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Driving to glory: Faldo launches into his tee shot on the 2nd hole in the Montego Bay sun yesterday

Divisional games confound the critics

BY DAVID HANDS RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RUGBY union's ADT divisional championship, which has as many detractors as it has friends, has proved its value this season. It not only reached a splendid climax at Leicester on Saturday, where the South and South-West clinched the championship for the first time with an 18-18 draw against the Midlands, but it has confirmed the depth of talent in Eng-

lish rugby. To judge the championship merely on players receiving caps in the five nations' championship which follows is short-sighted. Selectors may pick with greater confidence their reserve squads for the A- international programme and tour squads such as the party of 30 England will send to North America in Whether the selectors

were right to announce their senior training squad for Lanzarote before the conclusion of the championship is open to question. Indeed Stuart Barnes, captain of the victorious South-West, did. "All the players had been carded anyway about their availability so the time factor is not that relevant and the decision seems strange if these games are to count,"

Barnes said. Barnes was also critical of leading players who did not make themselves available for the championship, a reference to Will Carling and



Barnes: speaking out

Peter Winterbottom. Carling, England's captain, was on holiday in the Far East for the first formight of December and Winterbottom preferred to train. "You have to

absence of some players, which doesn't help with the motivation for young players coming through the ranks," Barnes said. Rob Andrew with 50 caps - has been a positive supporter of the divisional championship and when so many other England players have taken part it is important that the England captain sets an equivalent example.

ask the question about the

Barnes does not believe that the divisional games offer a higher standard than that of first division club rugby. "It doesn't have the qualities you get from top first division teams and I still don't believe it's a step

South-West win, page 20

Smith to play from start despite his broken toe

KETTH Fletcher, the England manager, said yesterday he was confident that Robin Smith would not miss any early cricket on the tour of India after breaking a toe. The England party leaves for Delhi next Monday, with the first match starting on January 3.

Fletcher dismissed fears that Smith, whose big toe was hit by a ball from Chris Lewis during practice at Lilleshall last week, would put him out of action for the first three weeks of the tour.

"It's just a little hiccup." Fletcher said. "He could play next week if we needed him to and I am certainly expecting him to be ready for our

first match in India." There has been adverse reaction in Pakistan to the appointment of Tom Gravency, the former England batsman, by the Interna-tional Cricket Council as a match referee. Graveney, 65, has been chosen to take charge of disciplinary matters during the Test and one-day series between West Indies and Pakistan in March and April.

But newspapers in Karachi and Lahore have recalled his comment five years ago when he supported Mike Ganing, the then England captain, after his row with Shakoor Rana, the umpire. "They have been cheating us for 37 years and it is just getting worse and worse," Graveney said in 1987.

Pakistan have made no official complaint about Gravency's appointment.

Omens are bad as Forest let more points slip

Nottingham Forest....... 1 Wimbledon..

By Nicholas Harling

THE fact that Wimbledon could, for the most part, match the quality of Nottingham Forest's football spoke volumes yesterday for the problems besetting the Premier League's bottom club. Forest badly required a win to cut the gap at the foot of the table to a single point, but slipped up again at the City Ground. where they have now failed to win eight times this season. Brian Clough's side is now

facing the very real fear of relegation, a prospect hitherto regarded as improbable, for all their lack of points.

Without a seasoned goalscorer, a commanding goalkeeper or much sign of rapport in central defence, Forest are struggling worse than their esteemed manager might care to admit. His son lifted their spirits with a fifthminute goal only to make the mistake soon after which led indirectly to Wimbledon's

Sensing the kill, Wimbledon then went for the jugular. no one more so than Jones, who did his utmost to goad Pearce. There cannot be many other footballers in the Premier League with such temerity and Jones was in no way prepared to accept second best following the Trent End's chant of "Psycho is harder than Vinnie". To his utmost credit, however, Jones also provided some deft touches.

Forest had gone ahead after Joseph had sold Scales short on the halfway line. Black intercepted his pass to send Nigel Clough racing through to clip the ball past the advancing Segers.

The pitch, still bearing traces of a heavy overnight frost, probably contributed to Wimledon's swift reply. From Clough's wayward pass near the centre circle in the twelfth minute, Jones swept the ball

diagonally forward. Crossley came sliding out of his goal and, carried forward by his own momentum, lost the ball in his attempt to keep it away from Clarke. From an acute angle, the Wimbledon winger found the far corner.

The blemish did nothing for Crossley's confidence and unnerved by the strength of Wimbledon's response, Forest almost disintegrated. Their jitters in defence were more than evident when Chettle belted the ball against Tiler. leaving Clarke to race free to attempt an unsuccessful shot. When Tiler later kicked air instead of a centre from Fashanu, who had replaced the injured Clarke, Crossley redeemed himself, twisting smartly in mid-air to keep out

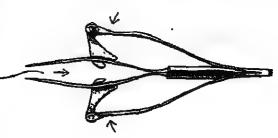
With Talboys having a competent second game at the ripe old age of 26 in midfield against Keane, who was almost anonymous, Wimbledon thoroughly deserved to hold out when Forest stirred themselves into a late rally, which did not amount to much by their own previously high standards.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M. Crossley: Elaws, S. Pearce, S. Cherde, C. Tiler, F. Keane: G. Crosby, B. Germmil, N. Clough, N. Wolbo, K. Bernett, S. Cherde, R. Wolbo, K. Cherde, R. Wolbo, K. Cherde, R. Wolbo, K. Cherde, R. Wolbo, K. Cherde, R. Wolbo, R. Cherde, R. Wolbo, K. Cherde, R. Wolbo, R.

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WMMBLEDON: H Segers; N Ardley fsubMiller), R Joceph, V Jones, J Scales,
McAllistor, D Blackwell, R Earle,
Holdsworth, S Talboya, A Clarke (subFeshanu). Point on: FIA Hugs

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Whitaker finishes seventh in World Cup show jumping qualifier

Beerbaum's charge puts him clear in standings

By JENNY MACARTHUR

THE run of bad results by British riders in the Volvo World Cup qualifying competitions this year continued at Olympia on Saturday when the favourite, John Whitaker, on Everest Milton, finished highest placed of the 12 Britons in the class.

Ludger Beerbaum, of Germany, the Olympic indi-vidual gold medal-winner, won the qualifier - the ninth out of 14 - on Almox Ratina by the decisive margin of 3.35 seconds. The 29-year-old German started riding Ratina, the winner of the silver medal in Barcelona with the Dutchman. Piet Raymakers, only in

Beerbaum now heads the western European league for the World Cup, from which the leading 19 riders qualify for the final in Sweden in April. Unusually, there are no British riders in the top 20 — John Whitaker, the winner of the Cup in 1990 and 1991, is the highest placed, lying joint

Whitaker and Everest Milton, who have won more than £100,000 on the Continent since September, had looked set to justify their status as favourites. But, first to go in the 12-horse jump-off, the 15-year-old Milton hit the first

Whitaker thought Milton had been momentarily distracted by the starter's red flag. When the second horse also faulted at the first fence, the starter was moved farther

That was not the only criticism of the jump-off course. Franke Sloothaak, of Germany, who was sixth on Gina Ginelli, described the

twisty course as "terrible there was not one normal smooth line". Nick Skelton, the British rider who was eighth on Limited Edition. was also critical.

Happily for Beerbaum, It was perfect for the athletic Ratina. Alexander Moksel, Beerbaum's employer, bought the ten-year-old mare for for the German's Olympic horse, Classic Touch, who was being taken over by Ralf Schneider, the son of the horse's owner.

"It was a funny sort of jump off," Beerbaum said, "but it was an advantage for me because Ratina can jump from anywhere." Peter Charles, of Ireland, who was runner-up on Royal Chocolate and the third-placed Thomas Fruhmann, of Austria, on Bockmann's Genius, had a more difficult time. "Riding Royal Chocolate to the third fence was like driving an articulated bus," Charles, now fourth in the league standings.

Skelton, who has been second five times this week, dominated the show vesterday afternoon. He won the opening Everest Christmas Knockout on Everest Florida and was then joint winner, with Sloothaak, of the Six-Bar competition, in which the final fence stood at 6ft 3in.



Gift horse: Skelton, on Everest Florida, wins the Christmas Knock-out yesterday

YACHTING

Relief voyage has to be delayed

YESTERDAY brought more bad news for the hapless crew on British Steel II, the roundthe-world yacht dismasted deep in the Southern Ocean last week, midway between Cape Horn and New Zealand.

The P&O ship NZ Pacific. which was due to rendezvous with the stricken yacht today and provide Richard Tudor and his crew with the 1,000 litres of fuel they need to motor to Auckland, is still in port undergoing repairs and is

unlikely to sail before Wednes- last week, had a further scare day. Chay Blyth and his organising team have spent the weekend searching for an alternative. The crew have set up a jury

rig, using the spinnaker poles and boom, but with the winds blowing up to 25 knots from the north-west this improvisation is acting merely as a steadying sail.

lain MacGillivray and his crew on Pride of Teesside, whose midar went on the blink yesterday when they heard a loud bang. The fear was of another bottlescrew failure or worse — but mercifully the only damage was a broken

Only Garnage was a broken main halyard.
LEADING POSTIONS (at 18:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Hobert): 1, Nuclear Bectro (J. Chittenden), 2,298 miles; 2. Commercial Union (P. Merriweather), 2,327; 3, Hofbrau Lager (F. Goes), 2,473; 4, Coopes & Lybrand (V. Cheny), 3,519; 5, Group 4 Securias (M. Goding), 2,588; 8, Heath Insured (A. Donoven), 2,614; 7, Pride of Teessde (F. MacGilfonny), 2,685; 8, Interspray (F. Jeffes), 2,342; 3, Phome-Poulenc (F. Philips) 3,178, Retried: British Steel H (Neading for New Zeeland).

HOCKEY

Firebrands lead field

FIREBRANDS, from Bristol, led the field at the halfway stage of the Crystal Palace league yesterday with maximum points from four matches and should be strong contenders for the national title on January 22 (Sydney Friskin writes).

Robert Hill hitall their goals in a 10-5 win over East Grinstead. Peter Head secured an exciting 8-7 win for East Grinstead over Teddington. St Albans, the national

champions, had a number of players missing but Gilmour scored the winner to give them scored the winner to give them a 10-9 win over Camterbury.

RESULTS: Sthretay: Bromley 4, Centerbury 3: East Grinsteed 5, Frebrands 10: Old Loughtonisms 2, St. Albans 16; Surbian 4, Techniquan 14; Bromley 3, Frebrands 8; East Grinsteed 7, Canterbury 4, Old Loughtonisms 10, Stratington 12; Surbian 10, St. Albans 5; Westerday: Old Loughtonisms 10, Surbian 3; Samiley 2, East Grinsteed 14; Frebrands 11, Canterbury 1; Teddington 9, St. Albans 6; Bromley 2, Cold Loughtonisms 8; Frebrands 14, Surbian 4; Canterbury 9; St. Albans 10; Teddington 7, East Grinsteed 8, Application 7, East Grinsteed 8, Positiones 1, Findanands, 12pm; 2, Taddington, 9; 3, East Grinsteed 8, 4, St. Albans, 8; 5, Bromley, 8; 6, Old Loughtonians, 3; 7, Surbian, 3; 8, Canterbury, 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Clarke's late try finally settles Wigan's nerves

By Christopher Irvine

WIGAN had a surprisingly uncomfortable day out on the west Cumbrian coast before a try from Phil Clarke, eight minutes from time, ended the vibrant challenge of Workington Town, the third division leaders, in the third round of the Regal Trophy

Rarely have Wigan, the champions, seemed as nervous as they did after conceding tries to Mark Mulligan and Paul Penrice either side of

Three early scores by Frano Botica, Denis Betts and Sam Panapa were the apparent hors d'oeuvre but the feast never arrived as the visitors were pressured into a fierce rearguard action. Edwards instigated Clarke's late score and Botica's fourth goal ensured victory 24-12.

Paul Eastwood's six goals and a second-half try in the 24-14 defeat of Leigh helped Hull reach their first semifinal in the competition for seven years. Leigh led the first quarter, courtesy of a try by David Tanner, but the home side enjoyed a relatively easy passage after first-half tries from Rob Nolan and Ivan Henjak in three minutes

Bradford Northern and Widnes, the holders, will both enter the draw today after their tie at Odsal was postponed until. Wednesday because of a heavy frost.

Castleford were the first club into the hat after their second defeat of St Helens in eight days. A 12-8 win at Knowsley Road on Saturday, their first in 16 years in cup competitions against the Lancashire side, was heavily influenced by the dismissal in the fifth minute of Kevin Ward.

He faces a possible suspension at a disciplinary hearing on Christmas Eve for tripping Mike Ford, the Castleford

Frost caused six Stones Bitter championship matches to be postponed. Batley kicked off their third division match as Hunslet were on the coach

The referee had twice deemed the pitch at Mount Pleasant playable but Hunslet disagreed and now face a possible £2,000 fine by the Rugby Football League and a claim for compensation.
Graham Liles, the Hunslet chairman, said: "The referee

said it was fit to play but the couldn't allow my lads to turn out on that."

Ryedale-York's match was abandoned on the hour, due to the conditions, with the home side leading Barrow 60-

Hull fought back twice in the second half to beat Warrington 13-11 for only their third

SWIMMING

Youth bring year to a positive end

A YEAR in which the nation's emotions in the pool have fluctuated between joy and sombw ended on a positive note at Southampton last night when the youth of England were a close second to Germany in a three-nations hunior international. England's juniors can face

the future with optimism after some superb performances at the Centre 2000 pool, particu-larly by James Hickman and Paul Bavister. England, also enjoying an unrivalled team spirit, finished within 30 points of Germany, the equivalent of two team races. Holland took the wooden SDOOTL.

Bavister and Hickman. both 16, claimed three victories each Paula Wood won the 400 and 800 metres freestyle and Susan Rolph the 200 metres medley. They were the only individual girls to break down the defences of Germany. England's girls also

relay to leave them with four victories compared to Germanys 10.

won the 800 metres freestyle

Germany relied on the talents of Anke Scholz, 14, whose high-floating style helped her become the only girl to win England's boys claimed

eight victories to Germany's seven, with all three relays going to the visiting team. While Bavister impressed most with 15min 32.28sec in the 1,500 metres freestyle, it was Hickman, as he had done a week ago at the Optrex national championships, who stole the show.

In winning the 200 metres backstroke and both butterfly events, he displayed the kind of skills usually only seen among experienced seniors: his turns were a lesson to all, as he regularly approached the wall down on his rivals but emerged ahead after an extensive underwater propulsion.

IN BRIEF

Leading players confirm boycott

England's 20 leading squash players have confirmed they will boycon the national championships in Manchester next month.

The players' decision follows demands for an increase in prize-money and the restoration of the traditional British closed title for the event instead of the proposed England-only tourament. They were turned down by the SRA. which says it has to cut costs to keep the event going, as it is unsponsored this year.

Akinwande draw

Boxing: Henry Akinwande could only draw against the raw Axel Schulz in his challenge for the vacant European heavyweight title in Berlin on Saturday. He is likely to be granted a return against the German early next year.

Washington: The new world heavyweight champion. Riddick Bowe, has lined up a former champion. Michael Dokes, as the opponent for his first title defense on February

Wilfred Ward

Rifle shooting: Wilfred Ward, who died on Saturday aged 61, was joint-founder, with Wing Commander Ron Guy, of the British Pistol Club. He shot for Britain in the world championships in Moscow in 1959, was secretary of the BPC until 1980.

Reid jackpot

al, Dale Reid, sank a hole in one in the final round of the Australian Women's Masters on Queensland's Gold Coast to earn a prize of about £21,000 for acing the 164-yard, par-3 14th hole, more than the tournament winner, Jane Crafter, of Australia, who collected about £16,000.

Dampier leaves

League premier division.

Doubles defeat

Badminton: Gill Clark and

in last year's final, qualified for the final stages of the English Bowls Players Association singles championship yesterday.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NPL): Nº Giams 35. Karsas Cay Chiels 21; San Francisco 49ers 21, Tampa Bay Bucch news 14 (San Francisco win division bilo) ATHLETICS

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA): Friday:
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Nongs 108, Atlanta Hewks 108, Marth Heat
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San Antonio Spurs 122, Dalless Mavenicks
101, Dohot Pistons 122, Indiana Pacers
106, Seattle SuperSonics 125, Portland Trail
Bluzers 109; Los Angeles Cippers 103,
Minnesota Timberwolves 95, Phoenix Suns
116, Los Angeles Lelvers 100 Saturday:
Orlando Mogic 125, Allenta Hawks 84,
Cleveland Csveliers 121, Utah Jazz 104;
Indiana Pacers 124, New Jersey Nets 110;
New York Knicks 91, Marm Heat 87,
Charlote Hornets 126, Washington Bullets
117, Philadelphia 76ers 98, Chicago Bulls
96, Houston Pioclests 112, Dallas Maverticks
93, Detroit Pistons 103, Milwaukee Bucks
90, Los Angeles Lelvers 80, Denver Naggess
86; Seamis SuperSonics 121, Los Angeles
Cappers 101, Golden State Warriors 122,
Minnesota Timberwolvos 116 (701).
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21, Keenan 177, Sunderland Santis 83 (Night
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30, Merrifield 16), Steroton Worthing Bears
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Tigers 80 (Obesala 18, N. Lloyd 16),
Birmingham Buffets 69, Singleton 25,
Samuet 11) Second division: Bury Lobos
109, Pymouth Fladers 90, Crystal Palace
100, Third division: Mid-Susset Maglic 62,
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Fastbreak 82, Women's first division: Chesham Lodies 59 London Jets 73;
Levesham Lodies 59 London Lets 73;
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OUSEN'S CLUB: Duncan Lawrie British under-24 championship semi-finals: N Wood bt T Heughan, 6-2, 6-1, A Lyons bt R Gunn, 5-6, 6-4, 6-2. Final: Wood bt Lyons, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3 Under-21 championship: semi-finals: J Dawes bt A Snelgrove, 6-3, 6-5. Final: R Gunn bt Dawes, 6-0, 6-4.

BADMINTON

KUALA LUMPUR: World grand prix finals:
Men's singles: Semi-finels: Rashid Sidek
(Mel) br T Stuer-Lauridsen (Den), 15-12, 15-8: A Buck Kusums (ndo) bt J Supnardo
(Indo), 15-6, 16-7. Final: Sidek bi Kusums,
15-9, 5-15, 15-7. Men's drubles: Finels: R
Subagia and R Mannely (Indo) bt Cheah
Soon Nat and Soo Beng Krang (Mal), 15-11,
15-8. Women's singles: Semi-finals: S
Susamb (Indo) br Y Santoso (Indo), 11-9, 111, S Kusumowardham, (Indo) br Tang
Juhong (Chira) bt C Cark and G Govers
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Yan Fen (Chira) bt G Cark and G Govers
(GS), 15-7, 17-16. Missel doubles: Final: T
Lund and P Duport (Den) bt J HoletChnstenbert and G Morgensen (Den), 15-8,
15-2

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France: Euro-pean feetherweight championship: Maunzio Stecca (II) bi Fabrice Benichou (Fr. holder), pls.

SAN SEVERO, Italy: WBO super-weiter-weight champleshier, John David Jackson (US, holder) is Michele Mastradonsio (II), rel 10m.

BOXING

(fi), rel 10th. BERLIN: Europeen heavyweight chemp-ionship (vacant): Avel Schulz (Ger) drew with Henry Aldmeande (GB). CHANGWON, S. Komer. WIIA. leather-weight championship: Park Yung-lovin (S. Kor, holder) bit Ever Beleno (Col), pts.

BOWLS

EBPA SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP: Teignbridge: First round: J kelly bt J Evans, 4-7, 7-2, 7-3; R keating bt M Marsden, 7-6, 7-5 Second round: Keating bt Kelly, 3-7, 7-5, 7-1, P Mathravers bt G Heipsrat, 7-1, 2-7, 7-2, J Searle bt M Horsman, 7-5, 4-7, 7-2 Third round: Keating bt Mathravers, 7-1, 8-7, 7-4; D Canter bt Searle, 7-5, 7-3, Beckentham: First round: AE Thomson bt K Cave, 7-0, 7-5 P Bernicott bt G Booth, 7-5, 7-6; D Holmes bt C Martham, 7-6, 7-0, W Richards bt J Gale, 5-7, 7-0, 7-4; D Corder bt A Common, 5-7, 7-0, 7-4; D Corder bt A Common to A Blake, 6-7, 7-6, 7-4, B Stother bt Holmes, 7-3, 7-0, 4, 7-4, R Stother bt Holmes, 7-3, 7-0, 4, 7-4, R Stother bt Holmes, 7-3, 7-3, 7-0, 7-2, 7-2. Second round: Thomson by A Biske, 6-7, 7-6, 7-4, Barmicott bit S brith, 7-4, 7-4, R Stother bt Holmes, 7-3, 7-0, Richards bit Crocker, 7-5, 7-3, Mansfeld: First round: N Burrows bt R Bass, 4-7, 7-6, 7-4, G Smyth bt T Round, 7-5, 7-4, B Jenfons bt E Clarke, 7-4, 4-7, 7-1, Second round: Burrows bt A Briden, 7-3, 7-2; C Bryan bt Smyth, 5-7, 7-8, 7-6, Jenfons bt D Comwell, 3-7, 7-4, 7-2, Third round: Burrows bt Bryan, 7-3, 7-5, Cumbras, 7-5, 7-0, A Baster bt S Farrish, 7-4, 7-2, Plast round: Airey bt Baseer 7-1, 7-2; O Taylor bt R Gass 7-0, 0-7, 7-4; G Niver bt R Graham, 7-1, 7-6 Second round: Taylor best Airey 7-4, 7-3; Wills best Niver 7-2, 7-9. Round fine: Taylor best Wills, 7-3, 7-0.
INTER-COUNTY CHAMPHONSHIP: Here-lordshire 31, Dorset 15-4.
PORT TALBOT: Weish womens' Indoor triples championship: Querter-finals: Shanses (E Thomas) bt Radinorshire (B Morgan), 23-19; Merthyn Tydiff (V Howell) bt Ogwr (B E Davies), 23-15; Vale of Glamorgan (S Froud) bt Torfaen (J Hire), 21-15; Pembrokeshire 19-17 (after extra end)

CRICKET SHEPPIELD SHIELD: Adetaide: New South Wales 399-5 dec (M Waugh 164, M Taylor 63) and 204-7 M Stater 82 T May 4-56), South Australia 215 (G Metthews 4-25), South Australia 215 (G Metthews 4-26) and 19-0; Tesmania 457-9 dec (D 1918 136, D Suclongham 60, N Courtney 55).

CYCLING TiME TRIALS: Menchester and District TTA [25 miles]: G Butler (Norwood Paragont), 57mn Sissec. Team: ABC Centrevitle (tastest thred nder), 104.20. Bejaces Wheelers (Becford, 18.2 miles): W Moore (Leo RCI. 42:04 Border CA (Raseley, Berks; 10 miles): S Nouse (Leo RCI, 22:97; Barnaetury CC (Seaton Burn, Tyne and Wezr, 10 miles): W Micharson (Ashirgton RC), 24:29 Wallscehill CC (Symington, Strainchyde: 6.75 miles): G Obree (Leo RC), 44:39.

WEEKEND MEETINGS: East Grinstand CC (9 miles). S Douce (Saracen Cycles). 1 00:30 Belginton Wheelers (Rother Valley. 12 milest: N Crap (Peugeot-Look) 57:56. Wigen Wheelers (11 miles). F Salmon (Peugeot-Look) 1 05:02. Royal Dean For-est CC (11 miles): N Hay (Belper RC) 1 05:02.

GOLF GOLD COAST, Augusta: Women's Natural Leading Brain-round scores (Australian unless stated). 207: J Crafter, 69, 70, 68, 212: B Burton (US), 73, 72, 67; J Gaddes (US), 68, 73; L A Mils (US), 70, 72, 70, 214: K Parker (US), 69, 71, 74, 215: K Lunn, 69, 72, 74, 216: C Dibrash, 75, 71, 70, L Davies (GB), 71, 72, 73, 217: L Neumann (Swe), 71, 73, 71, Other British: 220: D Reid, 73, 74, 73, 221: H Dobson, 75, 77, 69; D Dowling, 76, 73, 72, 228: S Nickin, 73, 78, 79, 230: K Douglas, 75, 77, 78, 239: D Barnard, 76, 80, 83

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Pre-mier division; Wisbach 2, Bury St Edmunds

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NORTH PREMIER INDOOR LEAGUE: Rampharia 1, Doncaster 6; Shelfield Berkers 7, Norton 7; Swelwell 8, Rampharia 10; Doncaster 3, Norton 3; Rampharia 3, Barrisers 3; Stockton 4, Doncaster 8, Rampharia 3, Norton 6; Stockton 6, Swelmaria 3, Norton 6; Stockton 6, Swelmaria 2, Doncaster 8, Rampharia 3, Norton 6; Stockton 6, Swelmaria 2, Doncaster 8, Rampharia 3, Norton 6; Stockton 8, Swelmaria 2, Doncaster 8, Rampharia 3, Norton 6; Stockton 8, Stockton 1, Septimen 2, Loombridge City 1, Bedford Town 1; Crimson Rambless 1, Shelfield 3, Hereford 2, Laominister 7; Newport 0, BAC 1; Old Loughtonians 2, St. Albans 2; Penerth 3, Casphilly 0; Red-bridge 6, Billericay 0; Southampton 2, Bournemouth 0; Stouport 1, Kettering 6; Wimbledon 2, Readurg 1. ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Friday: Deroit Red Wings 6, Boston Bruns 1, New Jersey Devis 2, Tampa Bay Lightning 0: Westington Capitals 4, Hartford Whelers 3; Les Angeles Kings 5, Edmonton Oiers 5; Vancouver Canucis 8, San Jose Sharlas 1, Saturday: Philadelphile Plyers 3, Chicago Backhawks 1, New York Islanders 4, Philaburgh Penguns 3, Boston Bruins 4, Weshington Capitals 3, New York Rangers 4, Hartford Whelers 4 (OT), Calgary Fairnes 5, Los Angeles Kings 3, Detroil Red Wings 3, Minnesota North Stars 3; Montreal Conediens 4, Buffel Sabres 2, Trombo Mapie Leafs 5, Ottawa Senators 1, Winnipog Jels 1, St Loue Blues 6; Vancouver Carucis 6, San Jose Sharlas 3, IZVESTIA CUIP: Group A (Moscowi: Caschostovekia 7, Switzerland 2, Russia 14, Canada 3, Group 8 (St Petersburg) Sweden 4, Germany 1; Russia II 2, Finland 1,

POKL&UKA, Slovenie: World Cup bi-strilon: Men (10km), 1, M Kinchner (Gart, 26mm 32.6sec: 2, Jr A Tylclum (Nor), 26:55.3; 3, O Ricentov (Belanus), 26:58.5; Women (7.5km), 1, P Schaat (Gart, 29:00.3, 2, S Paramigina (Belanus), 23.13.7; 3, A Briand (Fr), 29:31.1.

NORDIC SKIING



Qatar squash event

TRENTO, Italy: Nordic World Cup team tross country: Men (4x10km): 1, Russia, 1hr 42min 25 00sec; 2, Italy, 1:42-45,06; 3, Norway, 1:42-57.09. Women (4c5km): 1, Norway, 57min 50.04sec; 2, Russia, 58:27.03; 3, Finland, 59:09 **FUGBY LEAGUE**

Regal Trophy Third round Stones Bitter Championship 24 LEIGH Hull KR: Tries: O'Bren, McKeough: Goels: M Fletcher 2 Orop Goels: Speckmen Warrington: Tries: Thomley, Harmon. Goel: Thomley, Oropped goel: Mackey, Att. 2,850

Third division Nottingham City 2 Keighley Ryedale York 60 Barrow (abandoned - 69 mins)

SKI-JUMPING

POSTPONED: Batley v Hunslet: Doncaste v Dewsbury: Whitehaven v Chorley.

SAPPORO: World Cup: 90m: 1, M Holwarth (Austria), 232 Bots (88.5m + 92), 2, W Rathmay (Austria), 229.8 (89 + 92.5), 3, S Detaup (Frl. 227.3 (90 + 88) 115m: 1, A Higashi (Japan), 234.4 (122.0 + 111.5), 2, Rathmayr, 220.4 (117.0 + 108.5); 3, B Myrbakkan (Nor), 219.0 (120.5 + 107.0), Leading positions: 1, Rathmayr, 110pts, equal 2 Hollwarth and Delaup, 43.

RACKETS

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SKIING PIANCAVALLO, Italy: Freestyle World Cup: Mem: Mogula: 1, J-L Brassard (Can), 25-26, 2, E Grospron (Fr), 24.84; 3, B Barnsrnd (Fr), 24.25; 44, N Munno (38), 18.93; 61, H Hutchreson (GB), 8.55. Combined: 1, S Shupletsov (Fuss), 27.80; 2, T Worthington (US), 27.20, 3, H Bonati (Austria) 24 13, Womer: Mogulas: 1, T Mittermayer (Gan), 24.58; 2, R Monot (Fr), 24.49, 3, S Mercard (I), 24.04; 33, J Curry (GB), 11.74. Combined: 1, N Orekhous (Russ), 28.69; 2, M Schmid (Switz), 27.48, 3, K Porter (US), 27.05; 6, Curry, 23.66.

SOUTHAMPTON: three nations junior immemblens: Boys: 100m treastyle: 1, L. Corred (Ger), 51.98sec: 2, B Heggernen (Holl), 52.73; 3, T Shube (Ger), 52.97; 4, D Ingram (Eng), 53.97; 8, N Shudd (Eng), 53.97; 200m treestyle: 1, L Corred (Ger), 1:52.70; 2, N Shudd (Eng), 1.54.99; 3, B

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1.850m breestyle: 1, P Bewster (Engl. 1:53.2.28; 2, Lyon-Hayes, 18:43.99; 3, C Lika (Ger), 1:55.7.09. 100m backstroke: 1, N Wiley (Engl. 56.93; 2, J Historren (Engl. 56.94; 3, A Kehl (Ger), 57.98 200m backstroke: 1, J Kruppa (Ger), 1:3.94; 2, D Wentger (Ger), 1:05.94; 3, T Atfield (Engl. 1:06.43; 5, J Collins (Engl. 1:3.94; 2, D Wentger (Ger), 1:05.94; 3, T Atfield (Engl. 1:06.43; 5, J Collins (Engl. 1:07.04 200m breaststroke: 1, J Kruppa (Ger), 1:3.94; 2, D Wentger (Ger), 1:05.94; 3, T Atfield (Engl. 1:06.43; 5, J Collins (Engl. 1:07.04 200m breaststroke: 1, J Kruppa (Ger), 2:20.52; 0, D Wentger (Ger), 2:3.17, 2:3.17, 2:4.17, 3; 1 Atfield (Engl. 2:24.63; 4, J Collins (Engl. 2:25.68, 100m butterfly; 1, J Hickman (Engl. 57.93; 2, S Frees (Ger), 58.15, 3; D Carr (Engl. 2:07.26, 2:20.00m butterfly; 1, J Hickman (Engl. 57.93; 2, S Frees (Ger), 59.15, 3; D Carr (Engl. 2:07.27, 4, D Carr (Engl. 2:07.27, 4, D Carr (Engl. 2:07.28, 2:00m butterfly; 1, J Hickman (Engl. 57.93; 2, S Frees (Ger), 2:07.21, 4, D Carr (Engl. 2:07.28, 2:00m butterfly; 1, J Hickman (Engl. 57.93; 2, S Frees (Ger), 4:07.78, 3; L Lyra (Ger), 2:05.80, 3, S Retres (Ger), 4:07.78, 3; L Lyra (Ger), 2:08.20, 3, S Retres (Ger), 4:07.28, 2:00m butterfly; 1, J Hickman (Engl. 5:03, 3, A Historren, 3:03.00, 2; England, 3:03.93; 3, Notherterfly; 1, P Bavister (Engl. 4:07.4 4:100m breastyle: 1, Germany, 3:3.03.0, 2; England, 3:03.93; 3, Holtand, 3:99.56
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ABERDEEN: Hind Scottleh nettonal winter championships: Mere 100m Freestyle: 1. F Walker, \$2.45, 200m freestyle: 1, F Walker, (Marrender), Imm \$2.65sec. 400m freestyle: 1, G Smith (Stockport Metro), 3:59.87, 100m backstroke: 1, J hunter (Warrender), \$7.06, 200m backstroke: 1, S

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Golf: The Scottish profession-

Ice hockey: Alex Dampier, the Great Britain coach, has part-ed company with his club, Nottingham Panthers. The Panthers have have registered only five wins in 15 matches this season in the Heineken

become the first English women's doubles pair to win the Rothmans world grand prix finals ended with a 15-7, 17-16 defeat to Yao Fen and Lin Yanfen, the All England champions from China in

Kuala Lumpur yesterday. Taylor through Bowls: David Taylor, who lost **Vadav** first To

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Cricketers put serious approach into practice

rather less than ten years. England cricketers have long liked to stress that they are professional sportsmen, but for years this has been a lie. They have not been professionals at all. They have merely been people who were paid for playing a game.
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ing like as professional as the leading performers of what was then the Amateur Athletic Association. The commitment of the track and field athletes has for years involved a 24-hour regimen of work and diet: a total commitment to the grail of excellence.

I remember sitting on a hotel balcony in Trinidad with Phil Edmonds, early in 1986. One of the more calamitous overseas tours of recent years was whirling into a tailspin of defeatism. I was writing Edmonds's biography at the time it was one of those occasions, in the wake of a crushing defeat, where there is nothing to do but talk things out over a drink. Even Edmonds, seldom much of a drinker, went along with that.

"Can you believe that before we played our first match we had hardly any proper practice? Cricket is a pretty lethal game these days and we hardly practised. We didn't even have the facilities for practice." Sigh. Click of bottle-neck on

"Can you imagine McEnroe not bothering to practise before Wirnbledon? Can you imagine Ballesteros saying, 'ah well, it's only the Open. I'll just smack a couple of balls on the driving range and then get started? Steve Davis practises for four hours a day when he's not playing a tournament. Eric Bristow throws a darts all day to get in shape for a competition." Gulp, swallow.

But the England cricket team. who were due to play the best team in the world, in a series in which people could be hurt and ran the risk of being killed - we seemed to be just Making Do. I could not believe it." Have another one, Phil. Greg Thomas, then the Great White Hope for fast bowlers, was constantly asking for advice on the technicalities of how to bowl to whom. "Ab, just get out there and bowl," he was told. England cricketers may have been paid, but cricket's soul was amateur.

So, let us fast forward from Trinidad to Lilleshall. Lilleshall. the name reeks of linament. At Lilleshall, sport is a serious business. The England cricket squad first team, A team, fringe players and net bowlers - have been







Watchful in the wings: Gatting gets to grips with the on-the-field aspects of the game at Lilleshall, while, right, Fletcher and Gooch keep a close eye on the squad's progress off it

for the past six weeks. The first team depart for India on December 28. They do so about as well prepared as you could manage in a sodden English December. This is all because of something called the Whittingdale Cricket Plan: the 24-

Hour Total Cricket Environment. The players have worked on a physical fitness programme de-signed by something called, believe it or not, the Lilleshall Human Performance Centre. A handout informs me: There is a weekly circuit training session, a sprinting session, work to develop a basic level of endurance, and regular mobility work."

Dennis Compton never did that, nor did Fred Trueman, and C. B. Fry thought practice was a kind of cheating. All this Lilleshall stuff does sound frightfully Gooch, and even more frightfully football. On the other hand, neither of those is a bad thing to be if you want to play professional sport at the highest level you can attain.

And, in fact, the main emphasis of preparation has been on cricket

great seriousness: videos and specialist coaches like Geoff Arnold, John Lever and Alan Knott.

Much of the practice has taken place in a hall that has been turned into the world's largest indoor net. Bowlers can get a proper run-up, wicketkeeper can stand back and dive about, and when a batsman hits the ball, it stays hit. That makes practice particularly satisfactory. I watched Fairbrother working the ball around in his usual sprightly fashion, but when Hick took over and started demonstrating his one-day form, I withdrew. You don't want to get too near that big but when that is happening. Will it happen in Indian Test matches, I wonder?

Certainly, Hick's own commitment to professionalism has involved consultation with a sports psychologist. "I've been thinking about long innings, thinking about all good things, thinking about what I have enjoyed," he

Attention to detail has been impressive thoughout the practice to mimic the different playing surfaces the players will encounter. There is a spinner's mat for the anticipated Indian turner. The Ateam bowlers have been working Kookaburra balls, which they wil be using in Australia: the first-

team aquad has been using the

Indian SG Test ball. Everywhere

there is an atmooshere of Taking Care of

"I can't say I've enjoyed it," says Mike ing to the side, is more years of Making Do than this new profes-

been done. Shed a few pounds. No, it's commendable. Got to be good," he adds. The gap between domestic and international cricket has always been wide, but old hands agree it is wider than ever. "Your concentration must be so much higher now," Gatting says. "And something like this gets it on

a good basis."

come on over the past six weeks," Paul Jarvis says. "Geoff Arnold has been a tremendous help. He has helped me to get a real zip off

As yet another step towards alism, Keith Fletcher, the new manager, has been on a scouting trip, and has seen the

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> Indian players at work in South Africa. Fletcher has a good eye for a player's strength, and an even

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better eye for a weakness. in short, rather a lot of money has been spent on this trip already. The tour is being taken as a serious business matter: not a lark and a jaunt and may the best team win. International cricket is now a

This is the most successful preparation we have ever had," Graham Gooch, the captain, says. "Because of what we have done, we are much farther down the road."

Not everybody sees this professionalism as good news. What of the cavaliers, the talented, devilmay-care players who make cricket

a delight and a joy? What of the C. B. Frys and the Ted Dexters and the Colin Millburns? What, for that matter, of David Gower? Has the fun gone out of the game? And with it the beauty?

Many people resent the footballisation of cricket, with managers and physics and scouting and weighttraining and all. But either you are

professional, or you are not For nothing stays the same. The essence of sport is not beauty, but competition. Standards of fitness and preparation have risen beyond recognition in all sports and in all countries, and as standards you either lift your own, or you

fail to compete. There is no third

Sport is more grim and serious than it was 30 years ago; well, so are a lot of other things. Sport has been elevated to a peak of seriousness and commitment that was never dreamed of when the sports were invented. The meadow game with the curious name is now a matter of human performance assessment and professional psy-chologists and higher technology and endless hours of labour and self-examination.

Cricket had a long way to go before it became truly professional but it is there now all right. The game is played and lived more intensely than ever before.

But as I say, nothing stays the same. I wonder, has sport reached a peak of intensity and public

interest, a high point from which only descent is possible? Or will sport grow still more intense, still more "important". until it has reached some unimaglnable, stratospheric high point of zealotry? I think the latter myself.

CRICKET

Yaday advances claims for first Test cap as India win

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN EAST LONDON

INDIA received a timely boost before the final two Test matches when South Africa were beaten by five wickets in the seventh day-night international here on Saturday. A rousing partnership between Amre and Yaday brought victory by five wickets after India were left to make 204. It was the touring team's

most positive display in the past fortnight as it finally did justice to its talents. South Africa won the series 5-2 but for the first time had the initiative prised from their grasp at crucial moments.

This was emphasised as Arme and Yadav seized con-trol in a stand of 74 in 11 overs. Both found the gaps with wristy, improvised tant to lift the ball over the inner ring. They also ran between the wickets with a sharpness the Indians have not previously risked.

South Africa can fairly claim to be the best fielding side in the world but even this facet of their game wilted near the end. Amre won the man-of-

West Indies lose day of preparation

Bendigo, Australia: The West Indians face the prospect of being underprepared for the second Test match against Australia after almost 2.5cm of rain fell on the Queen Elizabeth Oval and wiped out the second day of their match against Victoria.

The captains have still not tossed, but the West Indian management met with the adjudicator, Robin Bailhache, and decided the match would remain a first-class game, rather than two one-day matches to be played today

and tomorrow. The second Test starts in Melbourne on Boxing Day. The first in Brisbane from November 27 to December 1. ended in a draw. (Agencies)

the-match award and Yadav. the reserve wicketkeeper. could have earned himself a first Test cap.
Wessels, the only batsman

on either side to pass 300 runs, had no rival for the manof the series award. He again held the early part of the South African innings together and Cronje provided a late thrust with 55 in 56 balls. Raju, the left-arm spinner, took three good wickets. India's ultimate success will

not blind them to the fact that their early batting again failed. Manjrekar and Tendulkar looked completely out of touch and they will be relieved that the one-day fix-tures are now completed. Both need a long stay in the threeday match the Indians start here today with a South

African Students XI. South Africa were unfortu-nate that McMillan twisted an ankle early in his first spell. He gamely completed his ten overs straight off before retiring but it meant that Cronje had to bowl in the late stages

Armre and Jaday as they settled down. McMillan's ankle swelled badly overnight but it is still hoped he will be fit for the third Test match, which starts on Saturday in Port

Extres (to 4, nb 1, w 1) ...

Mujtaba stands firm to enhance his Test claims

Brisbane: The Pakistanis es-tablished an 82-run lead over Queensland on the second day of their four-day match here yesterday. The touring team reached 342 for four, with Asif Mujtaba, who was 84 not out at the close, Shahid Saeed, Inzamam-Ul-Haq and Asmir

Sohail in good form. The dashing Inzamam, whose 83 contained 11 fours and a six, off Allan Border, was caught on the long-on fence by McDermott off spinner Steve Storey. Mujiaba, the diminutive left-hander, hit nine fours and stood firm against Queensland's threepronged pace attack of McDermott, Rowell and Kasprowicz to enhance his claims for selection for the Test match against New Zealand next month. (Agencies)

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Number one: Girardelli turns on the way to his World Cup giant slalom win

Girardelli closes on Tomba

Kranjska Gora, Slovenia: Mare Girardelli, of Luxembourg, closed the gap on his Italian rival, Alberto Tomba, yesterday by winning a men's World Cup giant slalom here. The Austrian-born skier, the second fastest after the first run, denied Lasse Kins, of Norway, his first World Cup victory to win in limit 57.48**sec.**

Kjus, 21, skied the fastest second heat to improve from fifth to equal his previous best result of second place in the Mount Hutt giant slalom in New Zealand two seasons ago. His aggregate time of 1min 57.64sec was a mere 16 hundredths of a second slower than Girardelli, who is chasing his fifth overall World Cup tifle. Fredrik Nyberg, of Swe-den, fourth after the first run. recovered to finish third in

1 min 58.04 sec. Girardelli's second win this season — and the 38th of his career - pulled him to within five points of Tomba. The

Italian Olympic champion. Tomba, aware he was expect-yet to win this year, was ed to do better, was not happy thirteenth after the first run. but set the second-fastest time in the second heat to finish However, typically, Tomba was still making headlines. He announced here that he

has donated his prize-money from second place in a World Cup slalom race to the children of war-torn Bosnia, raising a few eyebrows in the process. Italian reporters, who clustered around the Olympic giant slalom champion, quoted him as first announcing: "I'm giving my money to help the children of Serbia." There were a few gasps of amazement before Tomba realised his mistake and corrected it. His cheque for second place in Saturday's race was for SwFr6.000 (£2.727).

While Tomba celebrated his 26th birthday on Saturday. Tomas Fogdoe, of Norway. denied him the pleasure of doing so with a slalom victory. ed to do better, was not happy afterwards: "I made a present to the others. My first run, as it often happens lately, was not good," he said. Fogdoe, 22, did not need

any gift from Tomba to capture his second season win after Val D'Isère. He displayed excellent control throughout, had the second best time in the first run and was third fastest in the second run to clock a winning aggregate of 1 min 43.20sec.

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SKIING

Bournissen races to World Cup victory

Lake Louise, Canada: Chan-tal Bournissen, of Switzerland, edged out Katja Seizinger, of Germany. by 0.05sec in a light dusting of snow to win a women's World Cup downhill race on Saturday. Michaela Gerg Leitner, from Germany. was third.

Bournissen covered the course in 1min 35.88sec. Seizinger was just behind in 1:35.93 and Gerg Leitner finished in 1:36.58.

Katharina Gutensohn, of Germany, took fourth place in a time of 1:36.63 while Heidi Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, was sixth in 1:36.86.

Kate Pace, of Canada, who led the training runs on Thursday and Friday, finished fifth — the second best result of her career -- in 1:36.78.

The race was held on the 2,600-metre men's Olympic downhill course, which weaves its way down the face and through the trees of Mount Whitehorn in the Rocky

Mountains of Alberta. The bitter cold that had numbed fingers and left ex-posed flesh frost bitten all week returned on Saturday. An unexpected light snow also greeted the racers.

Bournissen won \$12,500 (about £800), with Seizinger (about £800), with Seizinger taking \$7,500.(AP)
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Midlands deny South-West a clean sweep

South and South-West 18

By DAVID HANDS **RUGBY CORRESPONDENT**

A DRAW is seldom a satisfac tory result but it matters little to the South and South-West. After eight years of trying, they have won the ADT divisional championship and they can be guaranteed to defend it to the. utmost next season because their key game as champions will be against the New Zealanders at Gloucester on Octo-

It was arguable that the result at Leicester on Saturday

where the Midlands had to win by some 20 points to take the title — brought more pleasure to the South-West's hard-pressed administrators than to their players, most of whom have tasted success on a regular basis with Bath. But having ascended the mountain, if that is what the championship is, the players may find they enjoy the view. Had the South-West lost

their opening match the old lethargy could have descended once more. But now there is greater acceptance of the need for divisional rugby and, allied to the wholesale cup exit of the region's leading clubs, an enhanced desire to show the rest of the country the talent

The national selectors, too. may have done Saturday's game a favour by their omission from the training squad of Neil Back because the Midland pack played like a runaway train. "As far as I am concerned. Neil is one of the best open-side flankers in the world." Dean Richards, the captain, said. "I can't see the logic in not taking him to

Perhaps Richards, as Back's club colleague, would say that, but he is not a man given to hyperbole. Whatever the reason, some of the Midlands combined drives, tight forwards handling like centres, were out of the top drawer and if they had possessed a cutting edge behind - like Stuart Barnes for example - they must surely have won a game which they dominated territorially. As it was, both teams scored a goal, a try and two penalty goals, the last act being Liley's second penalty. which drew the game.

Queried over his decision to scrum to win the match, Richards said that if the Midlands had been wheeled again, there would have been no time to reset the scrum. The



No. 8 had aiready scored once from a five-metre scrum, to cap a storming game in which the fascination lay in the two distinct styles on offer the

narrow front from the Midlands, playing with immense aggression and skill, against the broader talents of the South-West which, against the run of play, gave them an 8-5 interval lead. The Midlands, despite the

loss of Olver with a tweaked medial ligament, were determined that the opposing backs should not blunt their efforts. They drove the scrums, where Gartorth confirmed his progress. Back was everywhere and they closed down space for Barnes and Hill.

That earned them their beaten one man on his own 22, felt a breakout was possible and lobbed a pass to Guscott which Packman promptly intercepted. Back,

Potter ploughed a furrow past Callard and Clarke to the line. But what the South-West gave them, the Midlands could not create themselves, despite all the sniping of Dawson, which eft them vulnerable to the

Clarke had been intimately involved in the first half move which led to Barnes's break and Callard's try; now he turned up on the left wing and tossed an overhead pass which Blackmore, stumbling for-ward, seized around his bootlaces to score. It restored the lead but did not give them the match and that, in the end,

(Beth unions stated): J Callard, N Bool (Northempton), J Guecott, P de Glenville, B Morrie (Goucesser); S Burnes (certain), R Hill, C Clark (Swaness), K Dunn

London fail to scale the heights

BY BRYAN STILLS

THE trouble with avalanches is that they are so unpredictable - just ask Tony Gorden, the London coach, whose team was left floundering on the slippery slopes near the bottom of the ADT divisional championship .table on Saturday

He had asked his team of experienced campaigners to scale the heights and produce an avalanche of points to sweep away the no-hopers from the North. That would set up London for the title should the South-West fail in other championship

Like many a clarion call, it plenty of points, but it let in the ers to a higher grade of rugby. North for an even bigger haul. In an enjoyable, helter-skelter first half, points were second in two weeks".

minute, with the North leading 24-17 at the interval. In their half-time team-talk, London decided to righten up their game.

It was a decision they must have regretted well before the final whistle. All they had to show for almost complete domination of the second half was three points from their captain. Rob Andrew, who was reduced to kicking for goal from near the half-way line in an effort to break the resolute North defence.

As Gorden pointed out, the North had understood what London were up to and organised their defences accordingly. "We fell between two stools," he said. "We played a tighter game in the second half and abandoned our usual, fluent style."

He drew consolation from the way London had introbut thought that defeat was a

about, every try, regardless of

the style — whether from a short burst by Budd from a

scrum close to the line or the

60-vard movement which

ended with Kawulok's first try

- is greeted with huge ap-

plause. It is all celebration as

much as relief that the bad

With Kawulok and Roy

winning the lineouts and Tay-

for and Budd voracious in the

loose, the visitors had little to

play with. Once Davies had tailed with two early penalty attempts, it was tries that

mattered. Humphreys, Stone,

Budd and Kawulok touched

down in the first half. Ed-

wards kicked a penalty for the

days may have gone forever.

later sent in Hopley under the winter traini posts. But Rory Underwood next month.

before half-time and, by then, Grayson had kicked four penalties to give the North an runassaliable lead.

SCORERS: London: Tries: Stimmer, Hopkey. Corressions: Andrew Pigim. Penalty goels: Andrew (2). North: Tries: Brown, if Underwood. Corression: Gray-

covery of a fine prospect in Paul Grayson, at stand-off He collected 14 points with his kicking and, perhaps more important, he produced some astute touches in attack and

He was discovered playing football for Accrington Stanley and turned to rugby only four

Another northerner who enjoyed himself was Brown, the flanker. He set his team on the way with a try in the 35th second, darting in to ground a loose ball behind the line while defenden dithered.

Skinner, ever-hopeful of getting the England managediscarding him, raced in for a try from the 22.

had led the South-West 17-3,

only to lose by two points.
The North were delighted

they had fought off the spectre

of their first championship

whitewash and with their dis-

Colin Stephens, the Wales

stand-off half, was taken to hospital suffering from knee and wrist injuries following He is doubtful for the East v West match next Monday, but Andrew, who set up the try, is expected to be fit for Wales's winter training in Lanzarote

Cornwall weather storm to advance

Hampshire..... Comwall12

BY PETER BILLS

WHATEVER your views on the present make-up of the ADT county championship, one cannot deny a vigorous interest remains in the compe-

Neither the field of mud that had to be crossed before reaching the playing area nor the second-half snow deterred a large, animated crowd at Basingstoke on Saturday. Nor was the fact that a try was nowhere to be seen, Cornwall edging home by three penalty goals and a dropped goal to three penalties, any apparent

disappointment.
It was a rousing match in which both teams played better into the elements. Cornwall managed a 9-3 half-time lead and defended it grimly to set up a home quarter-final tie

on February 20.

Chapman's first two penalties gave Cornwall early profit from first use of the wind before Livesey replied. Chapman added another but failed with a fourth shortly before half-time. He immediately kicked another before Livesey, who missed two other at-tempts, struck twice more. But

By Christopher Irvine

LANCASHIRE and Cornwall, although not wholly convincing winners of their respective ADT county championship divisions, remain on course for a repeat of their meeting at Twickenham last year. Victories on Saturday ensured them of home advantage in the semi-finals on February 20.

Lancashire were seen at their

the Cornish pack dug in to keep Hampshire at bay. scores: Hampshire: Penalty goals: Livesey (3) Comwall: Penalty goals: Chapmen (3) Dropped goal: Chapmen.

Chapmen (3) Dropped goal; Chapman.

HAMPSHIRE: R Rowledge (Besingstokel);
J Bates (Havard), 8 Perry (Havard), 8
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D Robson (London Irish), 1 Littington (Besingstoke), J Ford (Besingstoke), M
Sheldon (Havard), 6 Curits (Havard), M
Beldwin (Havard), R Stratford (Rosslyn
Part), W Knight (Havard, captain),
CORNWALL: K Thomas (Redruth): M
Chaberton (Extard), M Savage (Percance and Newlyn), M Brath (Caltron), L Oman (Bath): D Chapman (Cambone), C
Whitworth (Redruth), A Elsey (Redruth), M
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Lancashire preserve chance of a record

Lancashire, the holders, are trusting that aging limbs will just about carry them to a record sixteenth county title before its significance becomes further eroded in 1993-4.

Cumbria's second-half resistance at Preston was both admirable and surprising for

uncompromising best in the first period when Ashurst was driven 15 metres across the line and Stansfield's sidestepped his way through after evading the stretched cover. Middlesex provide the next

opposition after a 54-8 ham-

mering of Surrey while Redruth will host a semi-final rerun of last season between Cornwall and Yorkshire. SCORERS: Lancashire: Tries; Astrust Stansfield, Bromley Penalty goal: Atchison, Conversion: Atchison, Starryseo, Borney Penatty goel:
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Italians expose Scottish flaws

By ALAN LORIMER

THE Scotland squad faces a sober Christmas in the wake of the A team's disappointing performance against Italy at Melrose on Saturday, which illustrated how much work must be done in training before the start of the five nations' championship next month.

Of particular concern was Scotland's scrummaging. which looked insecure against bulky front row. Without the dynamic presence of David Sole, the Scottish forwards could compensate little in the loose play for their weakness

Italy emphasised their strength up front in scoring a their powerful lock, from a series of impressive forward

The Scotland selectors are likely to experiment further at loose-head prop in the A team to face Ireland A in Dublin a week today and may want to look at Peter Wright, who is normally a tight-head for

Boroughmuir.
Behind a front five that was under intense pressure, the Scotland back row had limited moves. Little was seen of Stuart Reid, the Boroughmuir No. 8, but Carl Hogg, the Melrose blind-side flanker, emphasised his claim to a Scotland place with several telling drives and a strong defence around the fringes of

the scrum. In this area, however, it was Gary Armstrong who excelled with his merciless harassment of Umberto Casellato, the Italian scrum half. Rather disappointingly, Italy failed to use their possession in a constructive manner and as a result little was seen of their potentially dangerous back division.

Instead it was Scotland who moved the ball wide, but lacking quickly delivered possession from a pack under pressure, the Scottish backs were easy targets for the Italian defence.

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Nevertheless, it was Scotland's back play that eventualcould have been an embarrassing situation when they trailed 9-12 just after half-

Derek Stark advanced his case for national selection by involving himself in the buildup to both Scotland tries, scored by Scott Hastings and Gregor Townsend, which gave Scotland a 19-12 lead.

Craig Chalmers added a penalty - only his fourth success from ten attempts at goal and with Gavin Hastings off target with his one effort, it was not a day of success for

Was not a day of success for Scotland's kickers.
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Howard's threat to retire

BY DAVID HANDS

FRED Howard, England's leading referee, is contemplating retirement after his demotion last week from the Rugby Football Union's international panel for the new year.

Howard, who handled the decisive divisional championship match at Leicester on Saturday. could not conceal his disappointment that, at 44, he was no longer considered one of England's top three referees less than a year after being deemed one of

the best in the world.
"If I am no longer considered in the top three then I'm not going to drift down through the ranks," he said. "I have received consistently high marks

from assessors this season."
It is understood that his gradings remain higher than those of David Matthews, who has replaced

Meanwhile, the Irish have made an about-turn by naming Michael Bradley captain of the senior side in the national trial at Lansdowne Road on January 3. Bradley, a scrum half, took over from the injured Philip Danaher during the internationals against New Zealand but the captaincy was restored to the Garryowen centre against Australia.

Ireland have first to play an A international against Scotland in Dublin on December 28 and have given Niall Malone, of Oxford University, the chance to clinch a first cap. Malone plays stand-off half in that match, and in the senior side in the trial. The Oxford captain in the University match, Michael Patton, will lead the A side in preference to Rob

Cup underdogs are muzzled by Cardiff

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE fascination of cup competition is that it allows the underdog to have a bite at a more elevated neighbour, or to visit a leading club. But what keeps the vitality of the Welsh Cup, in the early rounds particularly, is that the underdog, if not quite up to it in many other respects, at least

snards. Unfortunately, at Carwas not much in the way of of anything much to shout diff on Saturday, Maesteg resistance in Maesteg. But about, every try, regardless of could not muster a bark, much less a bite.

Maesteg, even though they are in the same division as Cardiff, were nevertheless still the underdogs in the fourth round of this Swalec-sponsored competition. Only two victories out of 13 this season made them so against the divisional leaders. The home team won by five goals and four tries to a penalty. Regrettably, though, there

game, took Armstrong literally for his name, it was of the wrong kind and his own strong-arm tactics saw the Maesteg prop sent off. Al-though two Cardiff tries followed, the game was well over by that stage. Expectations are high at the

Arms Park nowadays. They do seem to enjoy themselves once more. And having been starved for the past three years

when Pincher, late in the

Flower power sinks Aberavon

The heaviest scorers of the

in their history by beating

round were Swansea, who ran in 12 tries in beating

Abertillery 23-8. Talywain, another junior Gwent team, enjoyed the most notable win

visitors. In the second spell, Ford (two), Walker, Moore and Kawulok added to the procession of tries. Davies converted three in the first half and two in the second. SCORERS: Cardiff: Tries: J Humphreys, P Kawulok (2). S Ford (2). H Stone, N Walker, A Moore, M Budd Conversions: A Devise (5). Messets: Pensitry: D Edwards. CARDIFF: P Armstrong: S Ford, A Pathey, M Half, N Walker: A Davies, A Moore, M Griffiths, J Humphreys. P Sedgemore, M Budd, P Kawulok, S Roy, H Stone, H Taylor. MARSTEC: D Extended N Joseph L Instead MAESTEG: D Edwards, N Lewis, L Jones M Brown, A Graham (rep: B Davey), E Williams, H Lewis; P Pincher, G Daves, A Henson, C Evans, L Henvey, P Metithews, P Thomas, A Williams

clubs were knocked out, in-Ebbw Vale 16-15.

off a notable giant-killing act by defeating Aberavon in the fourth round of the Swalec Cup on Saturday.
Nicknamed "Flower", the

little dub that languishes in the third division of the Monmouthshire League showed all the grit of the underdogs to win 9-5 against the Heineken League first division club. The man who earned them a home tie against Bridgend was James Egan, who kicked three

International match

SCOTLAND A 22 ITALY

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Scotland A: Tries: \$ Hastings, G Townsend Pens; Chalmers (4), Raily: Try: Checolinato. Pens: Dominguez (5). Dropped goal: Dominguez. Att 6,000.

ADT divisional championship

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ADT county championship

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FLEUR-DE-LYS, a small vil-lage dub from Gwent, pulled

Fleur-de-Lys's achievement was not the only shock of the round. Six second division cluding Glamorgan Wander-ers, beaten 13-3 at Trimsaran, until Saturday better known as the club that produced Jonathan Davies. The former Wales captain was the first to telephone his congratulations after the

SECOND DIVISION: Durham 17. Leicestershire 10. North Midlands 12, Warwickshire 44. Third division: Cheshire 18, Notis, Lincs and Derby 3, East Midlands 26, Staffordshire 22

HAMPSHIRE 9 CORNWALL 12

Hampshire: Pens: Livesey (3) Comwall: Pens: Chapman (3) Dropped goal: Chapman

Surrey: Tries: Murphy. Pen: Thomas. Middlesov: Tries: Sheasby (2), Lozowski (2), Dallaglio (2), Lee, Hopky. Cons. Challmor (4), Pans: Challmor (2).

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Malcolm Dacey, the former Wales No. 10, featured in yet another upset, Bonymaen, of the third division, beating

in 12 tries tn beating
Abercynon 75-0.

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Scudamore booked for Kings Fountain

By Michael Seely

PETER Scudamore has been booked by Kim Bailey for Kings Fountain as the reigning champion jockey attempts to record a first success in the King George VI Chase at Kempton on Saturday.

"Peter came over and worked the horse over oneand-a-half miles with Dock-lands Express." said the trainer yesterday. "Both horses went well, but I was particularly pleased with Docklands."

Interestingly, although Miinnehoma appeared to push himself out of court for right-handed Kempton when jumping so much to the left before being decisively beaten by Captain Dibble in the SGB Chase at Ascot on Saturday, Martin Pipe has yet to take a final decision about last season's champion novice.

"Scu thought that he would have won easily over a left-handed track," said the trainer, "so we'll school him in the meantime and see how he goes. After all, there's only one King George. But there's no point in worrying about a ockey until we know about the

Jockey arrangements for Josh Gifford's pair, Bradbury Star and Deep Sensation, have yet to be finalised. Declan Murphy will be hoping that he can repeat the correct decision he made when preferring Deep Sensa-tion in the H & T Walker Gold

Cup at Ascot. Richard Dunwoody, whose Kempton rides include the exciting novice chaser Barton Bank, may be invited to partner whichever Murphy

Positive news, on the other hand, came from Francois Doumen about the well-being of The Fellow, who will be attempting to win the race for the second consecutive year and in the process give his trainer a third triumph.

"The horse is in marvellous form physically," he said. That run in the Hennessy was just what was needed to re-introduce him to English fences. He was very aggressive in the home straight, particularly from the last fence to the winning post."

The best price now available about the French challenger is



Spectacular leap: Baydon Star clears the last impressively on his way to victory in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle at Ascot

the 11-10 against with William Hill. A personal opinion is that The Fellow's overall form, class, courage and consistency makes him as near a racing

certainty as you can get.
But, at the current odds, the 10-1 available about Docklands Express with Coral may represent the better value each-way.

Although Bailey's yard has been out of form, the choice of the stable jockey Anthony Tory has twice finished within a length-and-a-half of The Fellow, when runner-up in last year's King George and also when third in the Cheltenbam

Gold Cup. On the Coral Welsh National front, Captain Dibble's odds were cut sharply from 8-1 to 9-2 with the sponsors and from the same price to 6-1 with Ladbrokes after that authoritative Ascot win.

The seven-year-old, with 10st 11b to carry, including a 7lb penalty, will be receiving a pound from the favourite, Run

For Free, who still looks leniently treated for his attempt to give Pipe his fourth victory in the Welsh stamina test in the past five years.
Talking about the extraordi

nary saga of Captain Dibble's journey to Ascot with his front legs wrapped in frozen peas. his trainer, Nigel Twiston-Davies, said yesterday: "They ought to give me shares in Birds Eye. Captain Dibble is fine this morning and I feel quite confident about the Welsh National."

Pipe could still be five-handed at Chepstow. Apart from Run For Free, dual Welsh National winner Bonanza Boy. Riverside Boy. Cushinstown and Chatam are all possible runners.

The other significant happening at Ascot, where Pipe landed a double with Vagog and Cyphrate, was Baydon Star's wide-margin defeat of Corrin Hill and Flown in the HSS Hire Shops Hurdle. "I've always thought of him

as a stayer," said David Nich-

olson, about the five-year-old who is now quoted at 33-1 for the Champion Hurdle. "But his form over two miles now reads pretty good. Where he goes next will depend on whether we decide to run Mighty Mogul in the Christ-mas Hurdle."

The trainer added that Gambling Royal, an expensive failure when falling at the fourth in the SGB, would now be re-routed to Newbury for the Mandarin Chase.

At Newcastle, Sybillin put up the most exciting periormance seen by a two-mile novice since Remittance Man when totally outclassing Dawson City with a spring-heeled display of jumping in the Northumberland Gold Cup

If Jimmy Fitzgerald allows Sybillin to take his chance in the Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot on January 16 with only 10st 4lb to carry against Waterloo Boy's 12 stone, the prospect will be interesting to

Edberg is put down after tendon injury

Howard Johnson's County Durham stable, has been put

down.

The consistent eight-yearold chaser ruptured his offfore tendon during the Tingle
Creek Trophy, won by Waterloo Boy at Sandown earlier
this month.

Tobaccan said westerdays

Johnson said yesterday: "It's very sad. We had hoped to save Edberg, but he was put down on humane grounds after being examined by three vets, who all agreed there was no hone for the horse."

Edberg scored six times over fences, including two victories at Sandown and one at Kempton, and was placed on nine other occasions during the past three seasons. Johnson added: "He'll be owners to try and find a replacement for the horse. It will take some doing however and I'm going to Ireland on Tuesday to look for one."

Other news from the Johnson stable is that the jockey Pat McWilliams has gone back to Ireland after quitting his job at the Crook jumping

McWilliams, aged 25, joined Johnson four months ago on a trial basis, but apparently things have not worked out the way they had

McWilliams first made the headlines in the spring of 1991 with big-race triumphs on The Illiad and Destriero. He rode four winners from 26 mounts during his time with greatly missed in the yard, but

Phils Pride to gain upper hand in intriguing clash

PHILS Pride can end the winning sequence of Kush-baloo in the Dick Whittington Handicap Chase at Edinburgh this afternoon. He is

This is an intriguing contest. Phils Pride and Kushbaloo are highly promising novices, while the experience in the race is represented by Cornet, six times an Edinburgh winner, including this race last year, and Icanus.

Phils Pride has won his two races this term, and indeed could well have been unbeaten over fences had he not fallen when in the lead at Worcester last season.

His jumping this term, however, has rarely given cause for concern and his victories at Catterick and Market Rasen have been achieved in good

Jimmy Fitzgerald, his train-er, clearly holds Phils Pride in high regard. He entered him for the grade one Northumberland Gold Cup at Newcastle last Saturday, although in the end preferred to run the eventual winner, Sybillin.

Kushbaloo, too, has impressed in running up a sequence. He has brushed aside minor opposition with great authority in gaining his three wins and with 10st 3lb is by no means harshly treated.

However, it is interesting to note that Phils Pride ran in a handicap hurdle last season off a mark of 131, while Kushbaloo ended the year with a hurdles rating of 105.

Although those ratings are not a cast-iron guide, they suggest that Phils Pride can concede 14lb to Kushbaloo here, given that both have adapted well to fences.

MANDARIN &

Icarus looked as though a return to winning form might not be too long delayed with a good third to Castle King at Doncaster last time, but the consistent Cornet could prove the greater threat to the

He gained a short-head victory from Interim Lib at Ayr last month but has crept another 21b up the handicap on the basis of that win and could find the weight concession just beyond him.

Fitzgerald can initiate a double with Trainglot, third to High Alltitude in a competitive race at Newcastle last time, in the Christmas Maid-en Hurdle, while Burn Bridge can overcome being 5lb out of the weights proper by beating the out-of-touch Montpelier Lad in the Yuletide Handicap

At Lingfield Park, Couldnt Be Better can open the pro-gramme by taking the EBF National Hunt Novices Hurdle. He was an encouraging second to Majed at Haydock Park on his seasonal debut and will not have to improve much on that to have an excellent chance.

Couldnt Be Better's trainer, Charlie Brooks, has sound prospects of completing a double with Tree Poppy in the HBLB Christmas Seventh Handicap Hurdle, but I prefer Buonarroti to take advantage of the 7lb he receives from

Tree Poppy.
Jim Old's charge won well over two miles five furlongs on soft ground at Towcester last season, and that staming will stand him in good stead here.

NATIONAL HUNT LEADERS JOCKEYS TRAINERS

MANDARIN 12.15 Puritars 12.15 Trainglot 12.45 DAMART (nap). 12.45 Demert. 1.15 PHILS PRIDE (hap). 1.15 Kushbeloo. .45 Cheeky Pot. 1.45 Cheeky Pot. 2.15 Kanndabil. 2.15 On The Tear. 2.45 Montpeller Lad. 3.15 King Of Steel. 2.45 Burn Bridge. 3.15 Charlotte's Emma. GOING: GOOD (7.00AM INSPECTION) 12.15 CHRISTMAS MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,991; 2m 4f) (15 numbers) BERDAM MARCH (8 DYCINE) P Movement 5-11-8. BERDAM MARCH (8 DYCINE) P Movement 5-11-8. L CARTIMESS CLOUD 38 (Regional Great) C Pinter 4-11-8. A Bobbin (8) FELL WARRIEN 18 (J. Helberte) J Historia 4-11-8. G GARCOMENE WOOD 10 (S Electrical R Table 4-11-8. A Ordinary G GARCOMENE WOOD 10 (S Electrical R Table 4-11-8. LATOLIA 75* (8) (Art K Morrell) Mits A Severant 4-11-8. C Demails (8) FLATOLIA 75* (8) (Art K Morrell) Mits A Severant 4-11-8. C Demails (9) REPART OF MARCHESS 45 (GF.F) (*Tydesley) (S Richards 5-11-6. D Byttle 9 CARCARDOT 23 (85) (Morrell of Morrell) Art Reparation 5-11-6. D Byttle 9 CARCARDOT 23 (85) (Morrell of Morrell Art 1-8. C Demails (9) CARCARDOT 23 (85) (Morrell of Morrell of Richards 5-11-6. D Byttle 9 CARCARDOT 23 (85) (Morrell of Morrell of M

1991: POSTAGE STANP 4-11-8 J McLaughdu (15-8 tag) J Prater 13 can CATTONESS CLOUD. a smart 1m 44 winner on the Fist, unestated fits rider at the first in a novice hundle at American for the American for the Fist, unestated fits rider at the first in a novice hundle at Catterick (2m, good to sett) FELL WARDEN 124 4th of 8 to 1m Firer in a novice hundle at Catterick (2m, soit).

FOUR DEEP 12941 4th of 11 for Vernau Woods in a National Hunt fitst race at Catterick (2m, good to sett). Self-atteric for MADNESS 122 2nd of 13 to Catel Rander in a novice hundle at Heattern (2m 4t 110yd.

Self-etter: TRANSLOT

12.45 CHRISTMAS CAROL SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,721: 2m) (17 runners) FLoahy (7) (5) nater

W Marston (5)

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S Misson (7)

D Bessley (5)

C Dennis (3)

A Dobbis (8) BETTREE: 6-1 Demart, 7-1 Couper, Millyes, Solliny Resper, 8-1 Colden Ancom, Roge, Suco Made, 18-7 Colours Spot-On, Denoing Legend, 12-1 offices. 1891: SECRET FINALE 12-12-0 R Marky (5-1) J For 10 cm

FORM FOCUS

COOPERS SPOT-ON 3W1 3rd of 9 in Correstock in a mysica hurdle over course and distance (good) at 17 minus sating bardiesp hurdle of Headern (2m, good), with COUSAR 188 8h. HOT 179 191 3rd of 19 to Recording Confract in a sating hurdle of Constance hurdle of Headern (2m, good), with COUSAR 188 8h. HOT 179 191 3rd of 19 to Recording Confract in a sating hurdle of Constance (2m 1704, good), with COUSAR 2st 6th. SOUTARY REAPER's best resent chart was when 121 2nd of 8 to Regal Rosmosi in a 1904. Good.

1.15 DICK WHITTINGTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,788: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

(\$22,788: ZITI 41) (\$7 (BITHETS)

1 16-3131 CORNET 57 (V.CD.F.S.S) (Duise of Sutherbard) Deeps Scalin 5-12-8 Prilegold (7) 95

2 APU-11 PRIS. PRIDE 13 (CD.E.S) (A Beyman Jacrus Fitzgeridd 8-11-3 D Syma 88

3 349-463 (CARUS 10 (V.D.F.S) (A Beach S 10-10-5 B Harding (7) 80

4 079-03P FOLK CARUS 19 (V.D.F.S) (Highlywo) & Richents 10-10-5 B Harding (7) 80

5 22-3111 KUSHBALDO 47 (L.S) (R.Sea) C Parler 7-10-3 B Storay 95

6 1-2123P STEPFASTER 19 (D.F.S) (V.Wiscon Weisch) P Cheischroogh 7-10-3 Mr A Thornton (5) 98

7 337981 LAPIAFTE 3 (CD.F.S.S) (Alex & Romodon) A Harding 0-10-0 J. Callegon 87

8 PPS-SPU POTATO PICKER 3 (B.D.G.S) (C Foster) Mrs 5 Toylor 11-10-0 B Harding 78

9 3490-FP DEADLINE 3 (D.S.S) (C Foster) Mrs 5 Toylor 11-10-0 C Oversia (8) 78 Long handicap: Laptalle 9-11, Polato Picker 9-2, Destribu 8-13.

BETTRIC: 13-8 Kushbalco, 9-2 Correl, 5-1 Icarus, Près Pride, 6-1 Lapidie, 14-1 Simpleter, 16-1 offices. 1991: CORNET 5-11-9 C Grant (5-6 lov) D Stolen 5 sm

FORM FOCUS

CORRET beat interim Ub a short bead to a 5numer Art handlace chase at 2cm 41 good to soil).

STEPFASTER 141 3cd of 7 to Lumberjack in a
PALS PRIOR beat to Temestrin 41 in a 8-manuer
toxics chase at Metina Reson (Zm. 11 110yd. good)
to soil). LCARUS 241 3cd of 17 to Casie Ring to a
benduce chase at Somestrin (2m 31 110yd. good).

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Selection: KUSHBALOO
Selection: KUSHBALOO

.45 ALADOM NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,946: 2m) (9 runners)

6 000-4 AMSHAYES 40 (BF) (P Davidou-Survin) M Hamstond 5-10 7 PPS64-0 OLD MORTALITY 8 (T Iburson) R ASIa B-10-3-8 020-086 WHY MOT EQUIAMED 14 (L Dufly) J Johnson 4-10-3-8 04/0-P00 RAPID MOVER 9 (B) (Al Sinty) D Nation 5-10-0-Long transferso: Repid Mover 9-2. BETTING: 5-2 Back Sitter Claim, 4-1 Chesty Pot, 5-1 Tophemut, 6-1 Why Vint Equinome, 8-1 Did Montality, 12-1 Antistryee, 16-1 Repub Miloser, 16-1 others. 1801: COUNTORUS 5-18-2 A Ditruy (14-1) J Julianna 14 mm

FORM FOCUS

TEMAS SCRAMBLE 20 3rd of 14 in Ellie Rag in a movice hurdle at Wavets (2m, soil). THAMBAYA 22 2rd of 9 to Cornstock in a movice hurdle ever chursa and distance (good), with TUPFERMER (10) better off) 9 4h and RAPPO MOVER (20) hadre off) 7 1%. BACK BERTIE DAMN 391 2nd of 15 to Fautastical in a nevice hurdle over course.

2.15 BABES IN THE WOOD NOVICES CHASE (\$2,061: 2m) (8 runners)

SETTING: 7-4 Managabl, 3-1 On The Teer, 5-1 Boarding School, 18-1 Classic Milestell, Managabl, 3-1 On The Teer, 5-1 Boarding School, 18-1 Classic Milestell, Managabl, 3-1 on the Teer, 5-1 Boarding School, 18-1 Classic Milestell, Managabl, 3-1 of the School of the Scho FORM FOCUS

BOARDONG SCHOOL SI 2nd of 5 to Pink Gir in a provice charse at Carbolic (2ns, good) in soft). LESBLERO 28 Six of 8 to Laptarte in a chinology charse at Nelson Chara here (2m 4t, good). The Region Best in a sovice harded of 13 to Region Best in a novice charse at Categorick (2m, good), with BOARD—11 19yd, good). Soluction: KARROMARI.

2.45 YULETIDE HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,063: 2m 4f) (8 numers) 1 1/20-809 MIONTPOLER LAD 9 (C.F.E.S) (S. LIBO) 6 Richmets 5-12-4 II Dumphry (B)
2 1/258 AS D'EBOLI 11 (P) (N. Jackson) Larvey Feagureld 5-10-0 D Byrne 94
3 4POL-32 THE GREEN FOOL 9 (S) (als 8 Richmet V Rompspur 5-10-0 S Express (S) 69
4 153-240 TV PTICH 9 (P) (D Los 9) to 4-10-0 S Express (S) 69
6 418225 BLRN BRIDGE 51 (B.C.D.F.S) (SBI & Profits CLOS) At Repressed 1-10-0 C Green 94
6 625446-8 SET THE STANDARUS SET (P) (A Wellback) A Whibmet 4-10-0 B Stormy 81
Long Immedicage The Green Fool 9-9, TV Pinch 9-9, Duro Bridge 9-9, Set The Samutade 9-2
BETTINGE 6-4 Bean Bodge, 5-2 Montpuber Lat, 5-1 As D'Elaul, 6-1 TV Pinch, 6-1 Tim Green Fool, 12-1 Sat The

1901; RAPID BLAKE 7-10-0 C Same (11-6 line) W A Singarman & qu

FORM FOCUS MONTPELER LAD 231 9th of 12 to Chapter's Sound in a heardings barde at Doncaster 22m 1109d, oped to soft, AS D'EBOLI 4141 3rd of 7 to Beginst to a chapter's burdle at Heydock (Cm 4, soft). THE SPICES BLOOD 132m for 1 to Tapack in an armoral bard's barden purelle arm (2m, oped), with TV PTICH (3to better oil) 10541 6to. TV PTICH 51 2nd

3.15 CHRISTINAS PRESENT HAMDICAP HURDLE (£2.063: 3m) (6 runners)

Long Mandicap: Captain Teach 9-0. BETTING: 6-4 King of Steel, 5-1 Eastern Clark, 4-1 Chapter's Easter, 14-1 Planty Guyle, 16-1 adhers.

1991: NO COURSPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS EASTERN CASIS SI 2nd of 8 to River Pent in a handson hundle at Ayr (2m St. pood).

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CAPTAIN TEACH 17th 4th of 8 to 110yd, good to famil, Publish up or only subsequent

COURSE SPECIALISTS Wins Res % 3 / 429 14 42 333 12 37 32.4 6 29 31.5 6 34 23.5 9 43 20.9 JOCKEYS TRAINERS A Orthop D Dynas C Gines A Datama N Douglay

☐ Nick The Brief is set to strained ligaments, galloped return to action in the Rowland Meyrick Chase at Wetherby on Boxing day. John Upson's stable star, who missed last season owing to

after racing at Utnoxeter on Saturday. Upon said: "The plan is to gallop him again on Wednesday and run at Weinerby if he pleases me."

ENGFIELD PARK

MANDARIN 12.30 Couldn't Be Better 1.00 Social Climber.

1.30 Djebel Prince. 2.00 Homme D'Affaire. 2.30 Buonarroti. 3.00 Greenheart. 3.30 Andrews Minstrel.

THUNDERE 12.30 Couldn't Be Beiter. 1.00 Social Climber. 1.30 Prosequendo. 2.00 Diumond Fort. 3.00 Plastic Spaceage. 8.30 Andrews Minstrel.

RICHARD EVANS: 12.50 Couldn't Se Better. 2.00 DIAMOND FORT (nap). 2.30 Buonarroti.

The Times Private Handiosoper's top rating: 1.30 DJEBEL PRINCE.

GOING: HEAVY (7.00AM INSPECTION) 12.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(Qualities: £1,870: 2m 110yd) (10 runners) B Powell —

A Tory —

G Bradley 13

R Dunwoody —

R Supple 78

S McNell —

C Llewelly —

P Hotely 88

A Manure BETYME: 18-41 Could'd Be Beller, 5-2 The Gloss, 9-2 Despandable, 18-1 Collic Spark, 12-1 others. 1901: HAWTHORN BLAZE 5-10-7 A Procing (2-1 link D Elsowth 18 can

1.00 HOLLY AND THE MY NOVICES CHASE (\$2,112: 2m) (12 runners)

1.30 BRANDY BUTTER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE Long bundkapt. Woodsde Health 3-12, Forest Form 9-6.

SECTIONS: 2-1 Diplot Prince, 5-2 Prepayanto, 7-2 Martin Dates, 13-2 Storgen, 8-1 offices 1987: NAFLEI DANIEST 5-10-0 J Faile (17-4 P-lan) Nies B Seniors 12 qu

Ascot

Gaing: soft

Newcastle

2.00 MAC VIDI PERPETUAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE

Long handicage: Duranion Rayal 8-13, Papeanood 8-4.

BETTORS: 8-4 Hamma D'Allaire, 3-1 Diamond Fox, 7-2 Mater Ed., 11-2 Papeanood, 8-1 Diamond Royal, 12-7
Juli Mass.

1991: CONA GLEN 10-11-9 J Parlion (5-1) T Forsier B can

2.30 HBLB CHRISTMAS SEVENTH HANDICAP HURDLE

(£1,926: 2m 3i 110yd) (5 runners)

5 PP2180 SPARRULER Users; Species Gebe 9-6.
Long handkrais: Species Gebe 9-6.
8ETTING: 7-4 Time Pooply, 5-2 Boomarioti, 9-2 Hats High, 6-1 Ws Variation, 8-1 Spaniser Gebe.
1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 3.00 PORT & STILTON HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,332: 2m) (3 runners)

SETTING: 5-4 Plastic Spackage, 2-1 The Green Suit, 9-4 Greenhant. 1981: WHATEVER YOU LIKE 7-11-3 J Kindragh (8-4) N Henderson 10 tax 3.30 PLUM PUDDING NOVICES HANDICAP HURĐLE (£1,696: 2m 110yd) (8 numers)

Long transfiring: Cheach Star 9-11, Gomersbury Roan 8-13
BETTING: 5-2 Biventime, 11-4 Authors Missteri, 9-2 Cheach Star, 11-2 Missoni, 8-1 Kilda, 10-1 Misstery Dean, 12-1 Al State, 25-1 Burnersbury Roan
12-1 Al State, 25-1 Burnersbury Roan
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amateur rider, had his claim reduced to 5lb after winning on Viceroy Jester at Ascot on

Charlie Burnett-Wells, the Saturday. Burnett-Wells, aged 23, is keen to turn professional but will first try to win the

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS

bor (5-1), 3, Real Class (4-1), 5 ren. 1.25 1, Bold Boes (2-1 fev); 2, Palacegate King (7-1); 3, Personal Hazard (5-2), 18 ran. NP. Belleve II., Pode Of Penalle, Sulaah Roce. Going: soft
12.15 (2m ši 110yd) 1, Retail Runner (D Musphy, 9-2; 2, Grange Bride (12-1); 3, Laise Teoretin (8-4 kty), 7 gan, 6, 8t. J. Giltord, Tota. 54.80; (2-30, 55.40, DF: 536.20, CSF. 244.05; 12.50 (2m 110yd httle) 1, Baydon Star (F Durwoody, 8-15 lay), 2, Comin Há (7-2), 3, Rown (7-1), 6 gan, 7l, 3l, D Nicholson, Tota: 51.50; 51.10, 51.50, DF: 51.90, CSF: 52.76 Sulash Rose.
1.55 1, Abbot Of Furness (5-4 (t-law); 2, Mountain Kngdom (5-1); 3, Mills Mij (7-1).
Polishing 6-4 (t-law, 4 ran.
2.25 1, Sybillin (16-8); 2, Dawson City (10-11 tav); 3, Sarrorhis (6-1) 7 ran.
2.55 1, Hudson Bay Trader (14-1); 2, Thesie Monerch (4-5 and); 3, Korwelda Control (10-1) 14 ran.
3.25 1, Gale Again (8-13 tav), 2, Old Applejack (7-2); 3, Korwelda Rambler (7-2) 3 ran. 12.0 gm 11 110y0 1, Vagog (M Foster, 12.0 gm 11 110y0 1, Vagog (M Foster, 15-3); 2, Burgoyne (100-30 lev); 3, Shuil Ar Aghaidh (14-1), 9 san, 295 21, M P.Ds. Tolar, 1920, 22.50, E.(40), 92.10, DF. £18.20, CSF, £30 41.

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E1820, CSF: 250 41.
1,58 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Capitain Dibble (C Lleverin, 7-1); 2, Minnehoma (7-4 lon); 3, Rowlandsons Jewels (20-1); 8 ran. 264, 201, N Twiston-Davies Tote: £7.30; 21.80, 51.40, £2.80, DF: £8.80, CSF: £18.50 Tribast; £209.94. 2.30 1, Knoko (4-1); 2, Gotta Be Joiding (12-1); 3, Dutest (11-8 bay), 8 ran, 1.00 1, Zamil (2-1); 2, Trimotugh (5-4 fav), 3, Seunders Lass (8-1); 7 ran, 1.30 1, Mass Caputet (10-1); 2, Andermain (10-1); 3, Express Resie (4-1) Potierton's Pade 2-1 tav. 11 ran, NR; Chief Cat. 2.25 1, Mr. Sezentine (3-1); 2, Moroans Tricast: £209.94.
2.90 (2m ch) 1, Oppinuse (P Scudemore, 9-2); 2, Last 10" The Burch (7-4 hav); 3, Setter Country (7-1). 7 van. 3M1, 161. M Ppp. Tote: £5.10: £2.70, £1.60. DF: £5.90 (55°-£12.33).
3.00 (2m 48) 1, Meerby Jester (Nr C Burnett Welts, 14-1); 2. Bestezza (11-6 hav); 3, Pearuts Pat (9-2). 8 ms. 34. 41. Philuphy. Tote: £15.60; £3.10, £1.40, £1.50. DF: £20.50. GSF: £31.64 "Tricest: £94.37. Included and warms. 2.05 1. Mr Seteside (3-1); 2. Morgers Harbour (10-1); 3. Catchepanny (8-1). Sound Of Jura 2-1 jew. 9 tan. NR. Badbury Lad.

Lad. 2.35 1, Sallylord (4-5 tav); 2, Smiles Ahead (10-1); 3, Sovereign Sound (14-1). It ran. eR: Mail De Leese. 3.05 1, Zear's Led (11-8 tav); 2, Arctic Teal (9-4); 3, Red Rondo (2-1), 3 ran. 3.35 1, Simple Arithmetic (7-1); 2, Goldingo (5-1); 3, Leeswood (14-1) Knayton Prospect 2-1 few. 10 ran. NR: 'ran Toby, Rivane Blou.

Nottingham 12.45 1, Chuck Curley (7-4 km); 2, Mon-steur Le Cure (6-1); 3, Mester Jolson (20-1); 23 ran, NR: Kingsthorpe, March Lane 1.15 1, Stimup Cup (7-4 kev); 2, Sunbeam Talbot (6-1); 3, Why So Hasty (14-1). 10 ian NR Enchanted Min. tan MF Enchanied Min.

1.45 1. Storm Alert (13-8 tav); 2. Greek Plutter (2-1); 3. Welch Bard (5-2) 4 ren.

2.15 1. Indian Queet (9-4 tav); 2. King's Treesure (9-1); 3. Kingon (33-1). 21 ran.

NR: Amtek, Rich Desire.

2.45 1. Light Veneer (5-4 tav), 2. Young Miner (33-1), 3. Urtzen (7-2), 10 ran.

3.15 1. Andrew's First (6-1); 2. Vital Winness (15-2); 3. Chief Cell (7-4 tav), 10 ren. NR: Royal Athlets, Pardon Me Murn.

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Lingfield Park

12.10 1. Carlowitz (5-1); 2. Dancing Boat (7-1); 3, First Filing (6-15 tav) 8 ran. . 12.40 1, Pensian Gushler (11-4); 2, Palsy Grimes (3-1); 3, Major Triumph (6-4 tav). 10 ran. 1.10 1. Crestoes Dancer (2-1 tav). 2 Samon Ellis (15-2); 3, Bel Barska (9-4), B Test. 1,401, Panifon (7-1); 2, Invocation (25-1); 3, Indian Endeavour (7-4 tav), 9 ran. 2,101, Setety (9-2); 2, Malenoir (9-4 tav); 3, Riyach Lights (16-1); 13 ran. 2,401, 51 Volador (11-8 fav); 2, Kaen Vision (8-1); 3, Mentalasanythin (5-1), 11 ran. NR: Hinton Harry. 3,101. Scots Law (10-1); 2, Nobby Barnes (15-2); 3, Kitick (5-2 fav); 12 ran

Two meetings to inspect

THE meetings at Lingfield Park and Edinburgh today are both subject to 7.00am inspections.

Lingfield was considered raceable yesterday but would be threatened by further rain. Edinburgh has had a hard frost but milder weather is



Cantona serves United a measure of seasonal cheer



Cantona: equalised

Manchester United......

By STUART JONES POOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

SINCE defensive efficiency is supposed to be the foundation of potential champions, the credentials of two prime candidates were joylessly paraded at a rain-swept Starnford Bridge on Saturday. Not even Scrooge would have dared to arrange an aftermoon so miserably short of seasonal

In front of Chelsea's biggest crowd of the season, generat-

venture was so limited that the shots on target amounted to two. Both at least counted but Alex Ferguson, Manchester United's manager, suggested sarcastically "that will make for a merry Christmas".

Ian Porterfield was significantly less despondent. He is not alone in sensing that Chelsea, without a significant honour for two decades, could be about to emerge from their lean years. The necessary solid basis has been built and signs of progress are evident, on and off the pitch.

Last week their existence at Stamford Bridge, which has

for so long been uncertain, was secured for 20 years. Porterfield recalled that United won 3-1 at Stamford Bridge last December, a victory which lifted them to the top of the table. "They were so much better than us then," he

said, "but I don't think any-

one could argue that today." The improvement over the last 12 months may have been marked but their superiority on this occasion was marginal. Although Fleck operated on his own up front, Chelsea persisted in playing as though Harford was with him, instead of on the bench. The aerial approach was pre-dictably futile.

The effervescent Wise, deployed in a central midfield role, caught the eye but the al was Hoddle. most telling contribution was made by Lee. Apart from putting Chelsea ahead, immediately after Harford's intro-

duction midway through the second half, with a longrange drive which veered in off Bruce's thigh, he demonstrated a rare commodity. The 23-year-old is an English central defender who is superbly comfortable on the ball. Unlike Sinclair, his part-

ner and another student to

have graduated through the

productive youth policy, his

distribution is invariably im-

peccable. It is no surprise to

A back four marshalled by Lee and protected by Newton.

yet another promising youngster, was penetrated only when Sharpe whipped in a menacing cross, and refreshed a memory. Before a series of injuries interrupted his career, he was being groomed to succeed Barnes in the England line-up. Ferguson believes that the

enforced lay-off has, in one sense, benefited Sharpe, who has had two hernia operations and viral meningitis.

"Watching the game has helped him," United's man-

learn that the idol of the former Under-21 internation- ager said. "And he now has a knowledge that surprises me. He is a better player now than when he was capped, almost two years ago."

Sharpe acknowledges that whereas he used to think that a cross was authentic only if he had beaten the opposing full back, he is not "fussed about that now". The speed of his delivery, as much as his precision, allowed Phelan to nod the ball conveniently down for Cantona.

Sharpe, a mere half a dozen games into his comeback, states he is only "a goal away" from completing his recovery. "I am desperate to score," he said, expressing an emotion

Not Cantona, though. The French maverick, after demonstrating his full repertoire of decorative, but largely uneffective, flicks and backheels, hooked in the one chance that came his way. Ferguson is convinced that Cantona won the title for Leeds United last season and has invested £1 million in the hope that he might repeat the nope that he might repeat the feat for his new employers.
CHELSEA: K Historock, G Hall, F Sindair, A Townsend, D Lee, M Donaghy, G Stuert, R Fleck (sub: M Hartord) G Le Saux, E Newton, D Wisson, B Wisson, B Wisson, B Parier, D Inwes, S Bruce, M Pholan (sub: A Kanchelskis), G Pallieter, E Carpora, Pince, B McCleir, M Hughes, L Shurpe, Rationaux R Lieves.

Revitalised Palace prove they are pushovers no more

Leeds United...

BY PETER ROBINSON

A DRUBBING at Anfield is an unlikely platform for any revival but, for Crystal Palace, a 5-0 defeat by Liverpool seems to have been exactly what they needed. Since their mauling on Merseyside last month. Palace have run into the kind of form that is lifting them out of trouble at the foot of the Premier League.

Leeds United yesterday became the latest team to find that Palace are pushovers no more. A single Andy Thorn goal, a defensive display of rare obduracy and a refusal to let Leeds have their own way at any stage combined to earn Palace their third league win in succession. A month ago, few would have believed such

a transformation was possible. It needed the recriminations that followed their debacle in Liverpool to effect the change. As Steve Coppell, the Palace manager, admitted, fingers were pointed and hard words spoken after that match.

"After the 9-0 defeat we had up there a while back, we tightened everything up and got bener," he said. "I didn't think we could get beaten as think we could get beaten as assured as the sweeper and emphatically again but we Armstrong willing and ever-

it meant to be in the Premier League and what it would

Thus, the Palace who tried to manfully entertain at the start of the season was buried to be replaced by the more miserly model that took the field yesterday. Home fixture it may have been but they lined up with the deepest of sweepers, and just a lone, lonely forward, and challenged Leeds to do something

The league champions rarely looked capable of success in that department. Little wonder they have yet to win away from Elland Road this season. They looked sluggish and disinterested in the first balf, more energetic but not much more effective in the second.

As is traditional at Selburst Park these days, the goal came from a set-piece — a trip by Newsome on Rodger giving Palace a free kick on the edge of the area on the half hour. Rodger lifted it into the area and then met Whyte's dearance with a second cross. which Thomas won in the air to present Thorn with the chance to loop a header in off the underside of the bar.

It was no more than Palace deserved. With McGoldrick

front, they were, in a dour and conservative way, impressive. Leeds were not.

The champions did press forward a bit more after halftime but, against a packed defence, chances were few and far between. The promptings of Strachan and McAllister met no reward against a rearguard that stood rock-solid firm. The best of the occasional openings fell to Varadi in the dying minutes but he missed from close

The contrast in the manager's moods after the final whistle said everything about what had gone before. Coppell was bubbly, simply happy to accept a change in fortunes that has breathed life into his

Howard Wilkinson, his opposite number, looked horribly haunted. He said he felt that Leeds deserved at least a point from the afternoon; his expression said something markedly different. You felt as if you were intruding on some private grief.

LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic; J Newsome, A Donge, D Rocastie, C Ferninagh, C Whyte (sub: I Versch), G Straches, Pod Wallion (sub: I Versch), L Chapman, G McAlleter, G Sosset.

Coventry City ...

By Peter Ball

ON FRIDAY, Peter Robins.

the Coventry City chairman,

told the club's annual meet-

ing: "I believe this team is

capable of beating anybody."

On Saturday, his words were

amply justified as Coventry

City inflicted on Liverpool

their heaviest domestic defeat

ence warned Bobby Gould

against getting over-excited. In his first spell as manager in

1983. Coventry beat Liver-

pool by four goals on the

"At Easter, they beat us 5-0

Saturday before Christmas.

Liverpool



Head start: Armstrong, the Crystal Palace forward, displays unorthodox control as he outpaces Fairclough yesterday

Wright shows his redeeming side

Arsenal Middlesbrough.

By Russell Kempson

ROGUE one week, rescuer the next. At Highbury on Saturday, Ian Wright scored Arsenal's first Premier League goal in eight hours and salvaged their first point in five matches. It crowned a promising start to his public rehabilitation; not a hint of temper or

Yet it was barely a true test. Middlesbrough's defenders played it firm and fair but allowed Wright to skip through at leisure offering him five reasonable chances before he coolly accepted the sixth, nine minutes from time.

Wait for the heat of another London derby, similar to that at White Hart Lane seven days earlier when Wright earned an FA misconduct charge for apparently punching David the Tottenham Hotspur midfield player. Wait for the wild tackle from

behind and sly off-the-ball nudge, and wait for the response, before discovering whether Wright Mark II is any more calm and controlled. Judgment Day is not yet nigh. There's no reason why lan

and I cannot sort it out together." George Graham. the Arsenal manager, said. "Terry Venables and Paul Gascoigne did it at Tottenham and Paul has gone on to become the country's darling." Graham's powers of psychology will be examined to the full over the next few months, not only on his England forward. Arsenal's title hopes decrease with every disjointed display, the draw on Saturday a depressing example of their muddled minds.

Middlesbrough retreated into a solid yet unadventurous shell — they failed to win a single comer — after taking a fortuitous 34th-minute lead. Hignett's trickery lured Linighan into lunging at the ball, which then spun off a startled Seaman into the net.

in the game," he said. Smith, with ankle trouble, also added

able Arsenal attack.
Too often, though, Middles-

Campbell strode clear and stroked a precise shot past Pears. It struck the far post and rebounded to Wright, who tucked it away. He must keep his reactions equally sharp, and good natured, for a

1011g time to come.

ARSENAL: D Seaman, P Lydersen, N
Writerburn, D Hiller, A Linighen, A Adams.
M Flatts. I Whight, A Smith, P Merson (sub: J
Jersen), R Parlour (sub: K Campbelli.
MIDDLESBROUGH: S Pears; C Reming, J
Philips, N Mohan, D Whyle, J Politok (sub: M
Proctor), J Hondro, A Peake, P Willenson.
C Hignett (sub: W Falconer), T Winght
Referree: S Lodge

since they lost 5-1 to Aston attacks was too much for Villa in 1977. Liverpool. John Williams was in thrillperformance of Kelvin Mor-This was not a bad way to ton, the referee. At 5.10pm, he told radio listeners that three decisions end a run of 11 games without a win but hard experiing form on the right,

Gallacher was a constant bandful for Liverpool on the other wing and Quinn scored two breathtaking goals to take his tally to eight in five

at Anfield and, as I saw the

other results coming up, I

thought we'd be relegated."

Gould recalled. Instead, as so

often. Coventry won the last

game of the season to survive.

Their recent plummet down

the table revived the pattern

of too many previous strug-gles but their second-half

display on Saturday suggests

they should have more in

hand this time. Even without

the exciting Ndlovu, the speed

and breadth of some of their

games since his arrival from Newcastle United. "He's round, he's fat,"

Gould, quoting the terrace chants, said. He then added his own second verse: "But he eets in the box and his

Capable Coventry rediscover their touch

finishing is pure quality."
By the time Quinn's stunning half-volley and precise header finished off two sweeping moves, which covered half the length of the field, Liverpool's tarty defence Graeme Souness, the Liver-

pool manager, was less concerned about his team's flaws than those he spotted in the

had determined the game. By 5.30pm, in a corridor outside the directors' box, his sense of

grievance had strengthened.
"We were in command for an hour but the referee made four strange decisions which

totally changed the whole course of the game," he said, adding doubts about the third goal to his earlier complaints about the first two and the dismissal of Redknapp for his second bookable offence.

Souness had half a point. Liverpool dominated the first half hour and showed they can still pass the ball better than most. But Jonathan Gould enjoyed his debut, justifying his father's decision to convert a slow full back into a goalkeeper on the strength of

his catching prowess in cricket, and Coventry survived. Then came Borrows's penalty and Souness's first complaint. The award for handball, as Redknapp fell, looked harsh but his push on Hurst that preceded the fall suggests Morton had done the right thing if for the wrong

set about Borrows's second goal, after an munec, modelick, but television showed Wright's foot at the level of Quinn's throat and justified the decision.

The third goal was less clear cut, Gallacher looking offside as he streaked clear, but it is a risk that defences which dabble with offside have to face. If there was some sympathy for Redknapp, who was sent off for blocking Gallacher after having already been booked for encroachment at a free kick, it was muted.

Somess might be better advised addressing his complaints to some supposedly international defenders.

COVENTRY CITY: J Gould; B Borrows, P Babb, P Atherton, K Sensorn, J Williams, L McGrath, L Hurst, R Rosano, M Quinn, K Gallacher, L LIVERPOOL: M Hooper; M Marsh, R Jones (sub: D Hutchison), S Bjornebye, T Pischnik, M Wirdnit, P Sewart, J Reviewan, J

Villa miss chance to press title claims

Manchester City.....

By IAN ROSS

ON THE evidence of a performance from Aston Villa at Maine Road on Saturday that lacked character and was often naive in a tactical sense, it would be difficult to concur that they are likely winners of the Premier League in its inaugural season. Manchester City could even count themselves unlucky not to have emerged with victory.

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But for the benevolence of a linesman, and the resilience of McGrath and Teale, at the heart of a tiring, overworked defence, during the final min-utes, Villa could have been comfortably defeated.

However, it is the manner in which his team squandered its chances that will concern Ron Atkinson, the Villa manager. With Saunders contributing little and Dalian Atkinson's normally prodigious input reduced by injury, the visitors were presented with a difficult

They must have been grateful, then, for the leniency they were allowed by the officials in the 35th minute, when Parker's splendid goal from 20 yards was allowed to stand despite the fact that Atkinson. during the build-up and exe-

cution, was offside.

That Villa failed to defend their advantage was surprising. City's ploy of dispatching the ball forward at great eed, and with little thought in the hope of finding Quinn has now lost its effectiveness. Similarly, the threat posed by the pace and power of White is often diffused if defenders ensure that he is diverted

down a blind alley. For a team that places such great store by route one, City's forwards demanded an interminable amount of time on the occasions they succeeded in breaching Villa's defence. Flitcroft, an emerging talent, was the exception, for he reacted instinctively to head in Brightwell's cross in the 58th

minute to level the scores. It was a fitting reward for City's aggressive posturing and a wholly predictable punishment for Villa's mystifying lack of adventure. MANCHESTER CTY: A Coton; I Brightwell, T Phelen, S McMebon, K Keerle, A Hill, D Write, P Read (sub: M Sheron), N Quinn, G Ethorett D Helitage White, P Reso (suc.
Pitcroft, R Holden.
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Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, K Richardson, R Houghton, G Parker, D Saunders, D
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THE TIMES TABLE OF THE FARREMER LEAGUE

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TRANSFERS: Patrik Andersson (Blackburn) from Malmo, £800,000; Mick Quinn (Coventry) from Newcastle, £250,000; Glen Livingstone (York) from Aston Villa, fee undisclosed. LOANS: Julian Watts (Sheffield Wed) to Shrewsbury; Michael Williams (Sheffield Wed) to Halifax; Scott Houghton (Tottenham) to Gillingham. Statistics refer to Premier League matches only.

Flatts, 20, sparkled amid the general gloom and did much to justify Graham's post-match verdict: "Mark is going to have a very big future returning after six weeks off an extra option to the predict-

brough were allowed time and space to hoof clear. Any side with championship ambitions would have figured out how to overcome such drudgery well before the 31st minute.

long time to come. ARSENAL: D Seaman. P

Blackburn gain ground

WITH Aston Villa and their disastrous run of three Manchester United both content with one point, Blackburn Rovers moved back into the heart of the pack pursuing Norwich City at the top of the Premier League on Saturday. bearing Sheffield United for only their second win in nine

games (Peter Ball writes). But if the result was welcome. Rovers' performance left a lot to be desired. Brian Deane gave their defence a lot of trouble before Kevin Moran headed home Wilcox's corner. The result puts Blackburn third, above Manchester Uni-

ted on goal difference. Neighbours Oldham ended

successive defeats in some style against Tottenham. lan Olney scored a last minute winner after Sheringham had equalised Sharp's early goal.

Further Northern pleasure came at the grander venues of Goodison and Hillsborough. Everton came from behind to win their second successive home League match as Beardsley's penalty and Rideout's first home League goal defeated Southampton.

Mark Bright's beautifully crafted goal against Queens Park Rangers halted Sheffield Wednesday's disastrous slide down the division.

Press til

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Newcastle salvage point courtesy of puzzling penalty

Newcastle United.....1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

FORTUNE frowned on Milwall at a frosty St James'

Park yesterday. Mick McCarthy's side should have left the North East with three points but had to settle for one after Newcastle United equalised thanks to a mysterious late

penalty.
It left United ten points clear at the head of the first division, 15 in front of Miliwall, who are nevertheless very much in promotion contention.
On the field, Millwall may

have matched them, but off it. Newcastle are a tough act to emulate. Spin-offs from their success this season include a bridal wear company which makes black-and-white striped wedding dresses to order, while local vets report a remarkable number of puppies

being named Keegan. This buoyant mood was reflected by the manner in which Kevin Keegan's players emerged from the tunnel to the strains of Tina Turner's "Simply the Best". Yet those lyrics rang hollow in the allowed Jamie Moralee to shoot Miliwall ahead.

If that summed the adoring home supporters, they were cast deeper into shock by the freedom with which lan Dawes was permitted to advance from left back and deliver a series of crosses.

At the back, Colin Cooper once again impressed in central defence. Born in Durham and previously a Middlesbrough player, it was easy to see why Millwall rejected a El million offer from Nottingham Forest for him.

Cooper and company were kept on their toes throughout and, in truth, were at times grateful for some slipshod linishing from United Lee Clark supplied some lovely passes from midfield but his shooting leaves something to be desired and Newcastle's brightest prospect was guilty notably after being out

through by Bracewell Bracewell also set up Sheedy with an inviting opportunity but the latter's left foot let him down. When Sheedy did direct a free kick on target he was foiled by Keller, Millwall's American international goal-

penalty, converted by Kelly in the 75th minute. Quite why it was awarded remains a puzzie. Lee was under pressure from Cunningham and then Rae but the linesman's flag seemed inexplicable.

McCarthy said: "I asked the referee why it was a penalty and, like Pontius Pilate, he washed his hands and said it was the linesman's decision. The linesman covered himself by saying it was for a shove and a handball but there was no shove and no handball." Even Keegan conceded: "It was a dubious penalty."
Until then, Kelly cut a lonely, and overworked, figure

up front, where United missed Peacock, a late withdrawal through influenza. Resolute as lacks height and they might have struggled to contain an imposing centre forward. As it was, the linesman's judgment proved as profitable

as the poaching instinct of any

Morley gets too close for comfort Brentford Wast Ham United

LEICESTER City stayed with the pack chasing Newcastle United at the top of the first division yesterday when they beat Swindon Town 4-2 at Filbert Street. Lowe scored twice for Leicester, whose oth-

Swindon, who had Calderwood sent off for two bookable offence, replied through Hazard and Maskell. striker scoreti a hat-trick for Tranmere Rovers as they beat 3-0 at Prenton Park on Satur-

treble of Aldridge's career. Denis Smith and his Bristol City side left the Ashton Gate pitch after a 1-0 defeat against Peterborough United to a barrage of boos. City are in the bottom half of the division and relations between Smith and Leslie Kew, his chairman, have become strained.

too easily knocked out of their stride by in-form Brentford's up-and-at-'em approach.

West Ham finished in debt to Miklosko for his fine save from Smillie in injury time. Before that, though, for most of the time they had played Brentford off Griffin Park. Only the finishing touch was

missing.
"After the nightmare of conceding five goals at Tranmere, we have now kept four clean sheets in a row, so there is no need for us to feel disappointed," Bonds said. This, though, was a heavenright. Twelve minutes from time came a more glaring sent opportunity to make amends for that defeat at miss, a wild far-post volley Prenton Park and keep the from six yards after Breacker's leaders, Newcastle United and right-wing cross. They were the sort of

Tranmere, within range. Brentford could rejoice in the fact that West Ham's two dearest chances fell to Morley. whose finishing from close range does not match his shooting from distance. In the 51st minute, left unmarked

ful, short-passing game put him free of Westley's shadow, Allen was some 20 yards from The first shot, after a delightful exchange between Third award for van Basten Dicks and Robson five minutes before half-time, was tipped over by Benstead: the second, just after the interval,

chances Clive Allen can take in

his sleep. Unfortunately for

West Ham, on the two occa-

sions their typically thought-

was out of Benstead's reach

but also inches too high. Dressed in a spotted, multicoloured jersey which would put most Christmas lights to shame, Benstead, in his first league game for more than three months, also illuminated proceedings in more orthodox fashion, saving with his feet from Robson and at full stretch from Bishop, West STETCH ITOM BISNOP. West Harn may yet rue his return.
BRENTFORD: G Bensteed, B Stathern, W Manuel, K Millen, S Westley, S Racialle, M Manuel, K Millen, S Westley, S Racialle, M Gayle WEST HAM UNITED: L Middeson, T Broocker, J Dusius, S Potts, A Merrin, M Allen, M Robson (sub; A Bunbury), i Beshop, T Mortey, C Allen, K Keen Reliefor, M Jahnes

Defeat proves uplifting for York

By Keith Blackmore

YORK City lost for only the third time this season on Saturday but still returned to the top of the third division. They began the day in second place, level on points with Barnet, who had the weekend off, but any hopes of even a point had disappeared within 20 minutes of their match against Scarborough at

Seamer Road. By then, Darren Foreman had scored three times, making him leading scorer in the division with 17 goals, and York were playing for pride. back in the 68th minute and Canham another with six minutes left but Mooney had added a fourth for Scarborough

York's two goals were however, enough to take them to the top under the rule giving precedence to goals scored.

Most surprising result of the division came at Spotland, where Roch-dale demolished fourthplaced Lincoin City 5-1. Andy Flounders scored three times in the first 49 minutes and Lincoln never recovered.

There was a surprise in the second division, too, with Bradford City being the unhappy recipients. They started the day in sixth place and cannot been expecting much trouble from Bolton Wanderers at Burnden Park. Nor did they find much until the second half, when Bolton scored five times, four in the last 25 minutes.

Stoke City maintained leadership of the division by beating Hartlepool United 2-I at the Victoria Ground. Regis gave Stoke the lead, Honour equalised, then Gleghorn scored the winner in the ninetieth minute.

The result increased Stoke's lead at the top to six points, Rotherham United, the secondplaced team, having drawn at home with Swansea City on Friday. Port Vale kept up the chase of their neighbours, salvaging a point from their home march with Wigan Athletic, while West Bromwich yesterday moved into fifth with a 2-0 victory

Weekend statistics

THE APPROACH of the festive season

THE APPROACH of the festive season took its foll on attendances with both the Premer and Footbalf Leagues down on their respective averages for leat season. The goalscomp tare on offer, however, was of the highest quality at some matches, John Aldridge netting a hat-inck to go to 20 for the season which how leads the third division table, also on 20 goals, having put three past York.

GOALSCORERS

Kuhl guides Derby to another success

Derby County.....2

By MARTIN SEARBY

DERBY County's form from the Baseball Ground continues to be remarkable. This victory against an unfortunate Gamsby team yesterday was their tenth in 11 games away from home this season. Grimsby, in contrast, slipped to their fourth successive

ed in playing neat, first-time football with Rees making some adroit flicks and Gilbert penetrating Derby's right flank almost at will, but they goal. A header from Rees and a thundering volley from Dobbir might have brought them an ppening goal, but instead they were caught on the break as Kuhl struck a perceptive ball that split the home deferice. Johnson ran on to it. minded Sherwood and coolly shot home his seventh goal of

Grimsby were never as effective again and the strength of Williams in midfield became an increasingly telling factor. They suffered a further blow when Futcher was forced to retire and Derby almost increased their lead immediately. A long throw by Pembridge was flicked on for Williams to collect and, although his shot was blocked, the disappointing Gabbiadini should have at least managed to hit the unguarded target with his effort from four

Williams then provided another telling pass when, having won the ball in defence, he quickly played it forward for Kitson, who instinctively made a shrewd run into space to flick it over the stranded Sherwood for his fifteenth goal of the campaign

reaves). By COUNTY: M Taylor, R Goulocas, M th, C Snort, D Wessall, M Pembridge, Inson, M Kuhl, P Kason, M Gabbiadini,

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Ab-erystwyth 2, Abergavenny 0; Connen's Ousy 2, Caerene 1; Conney 0, Bangor 2; Inter Cardiff 0, Combran 0, Maested Park 1, Lanelli 1; Porthynadog 2, Newtown 2.

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Enfield 1, Glyn 4; Old Ignatians 2, C Manning 4.

Lowe keeps Leicester on a high

er goals came from Oldfield and Josephin.

John Aldridge could be playing at Anfield again next season. The former Liverpool Wolverhampton Wanderers and marked the seventeenth



BY KEITH PIKE

BILLY Bonds looked on it as a

point gained rather than two

points lost in his team's efforts

to keep pace with the first-division leaders. But come

April, the West Ham manager

may well have cause to regret

this failure to secure the victory

they deserved yesterday, de-spite allowing themselves to be

MARCO van Basten, the AC Milan and Holland striker, Johnstone only 48 hours after his appointment following adverse publicity concerning his dismissal from a previous post. The former Watford and Miliwall manager will return today to the coaching job he won the European Footballer of the Year award for the third time yesterday. Van Basten, winner in 1988 and 1989, became only the third player left at Crystal Palace to accept after Johan Cruyff and Michel a position as No. 2 to John McClelland, chief coach of St Platini. Van Basten, 28, beat Hristo Stoichkov and Dennis

Heading for a fall: Blissett, left, having lost his balance is about to lose the ball as Dicks moves in to challenge

Van Basten, though, will be Johnstone chairman, said yesout of action for the next two terday that Harrison had or three months. He enters a been upset by newspaper clinic in St Moritz today for surgery on an ankle injury. Steve Harrison has resigned as coach of

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references to a prank that cost him his job at Millwall and as assistant coach to the full England squad last year.

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GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Chippenham 0, Clevadon 4 (abandoned - 85 mms). Etmore 0, Torquay United 1. Frome 2, Saltash 3, Mnehead 0, Taunton 1; Tomington 6, Dawlish 0.

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POOLS CHECK

EDUCATION

A real home from home

David Tytler looks at

a prep school's

efforts to make

boarding for its youngest pupils

more parent-friendly

he days when fathers simply dispatched their children of to their old schools on the rough and ready basis that what was good enough for them was good enough for their children have long disappeared. When it comes to boarding schools, more and more mothers are making the decisions.

Chris and Penny Evers who run Cheam, founded in 1645 and one of the country's oldest boarding prep schools, have recently had to make such a decision for their nine-year-old son Toby, who started boarding at the Dragon school, Oxford, in September. The experience of seeking a school for their son led Mr and Mrs Evers to restyle the boarding arrange ments at Cheam, just outside Newbury, Berkshire.

This September saw the opening of Benham House, a new junior boarding house for 16 eight-year-olds intended to bridge the gap between home and school, part of Cheam's efforts to ensure that parents, and mothers in particular, feel happy in

when boys leave Cheam, where fees are £8,175 a year for boarders and £5,970 for day pupils, they go on to a variety of public schools, most notably, £ton, Harrow, Mariborness, Minchesters ough, Winchester, Stowe, Radley,

Sherborne and Rugby.

Mr Evers says: "It is a difficult decision for mothers trying to reconcile their desire to keep their children at home and giving them what we believe is the best education we can offer. If they can be helped by seeing their sons going into a cosy environ-ment, that emotionally difficult moment can be made easier.

Mr Evers has been a head for 18 years and is well placed to judge the changes in boarding schools. "There was a time when schools viewed parents as a necessary evil and once a boy had arrived with his trunk at the beginning of term that was that. That has now all gone, thank goodness, and schools are much more open. The respect is still there but there is less formality." Parents of pupils at Cheam are encouraged to call the head by his first name.

Benham House, which cost £80,000 to redesign and refurbish, is separate from the main school buildtoilet facilities. The boys have breakfast together before moving to the main school for the rest of the day where they have lessons and the remainder of their meals. They can



Book at bedtime: Peter Murray, a houseparent at Benham House, reads a story to his charges before they turn in for the night

invite friends to the house on their birthdays for celebration teas and there is a large recreation room where they can play games, listen to stories, or perhaps watch television. Boys are encouraged to personalise their sleeping areas. Most bring their own duvets, not to mention Teddy. They are cared for by the houseparents, Peter and Kath Murray.

Cheam, set in 80 acres, has 135 boarders aged from eight to 13, with day boys admitted for the first time this September. Mr Evers says: "This was not really an invasion as there were only eight - at least for a week when the number went down to seven, with one of the new breed becoming a boarder at his own

"I pestered and pestered and pestered my parents," says Matthew Ayres, eight, who lives only ten minutes from the school but is now happily settled into Benham House. The decision was not easy for his mother Virginia, who says: "My friends were quite surprised when they heard that we had agreed that Matthew should board. They did not think I was the type of person who would be happy to let him go away

but he is patently happy and he has both the social advantages of board-ing and the facilities of the school."

Neither Mrs Ayres nor her hus-band Tony had been to boarding schools. She says: "We thought that being a day boy at Cheam would be the ideal solution and that maybe Matthew could board when he was ten or 11 but from day one he asked if he could board. We both miss him but see him every week and he comes home during the term."

'Matthew knows that his parents would have liked him to stay home a

not like boarding but it's boring being a day boy, you miss out on all These are difficult times for board-

ing schools in general as they feel the effects of the recession and an apparent shift in social attitudes which makes some parents who might have been expected to use full boarding facilities opt for day education or weekly boarding. Boarding prep schools in particular have to work hard to keep up their numbers.

Mr Evers expects to hold the number of boarders at about 135 and to recruit 35 to 40 day boys, although he hopes that the latter will take up boarding places as they progress through the school. Most of the boarders live within easy reach of the school and many parents visit most Saturday afternoons and see their children on two-day exeats every three weeks. Mary Taylor, whose eight-year-old

son Mostyn started at Cheam last September, speaks for many mothers when she says: "I was very anti-boarding schools but my husband said he was incredibly happy at Cheam and for us it has been an enormous success. It is jolly hard if you have a happy home as we do. I simply adore my son and feel I am losing something I care about but seeing the immense pleasure he gets out of it makes up for it."

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Cherishing our heritage

church has been a profound influence on the people of Britain, reaching far beyond the religious commitment or atheism of individuals. That is why exper-ience of the established church should surely be part of every British child's

We take for granted the teaching of "citizenship" so that children have knowledge of government, democratic processes and the workings of society both today and as it has developed. In the same way I suggest that we should teach children about the church which has shaped history. through cru-

Thousands have died for it. Perhans should call the subject "church education" everything needs clumsy poly-syllabic title to be taken

seriously

There

no finer way of addressing the need to lead children to know-

ledge about the church than

by taking them to a Church of England service. Christmas is an ideal time to do so. It is horrifying how many pupils have never stepped inside a church. They are growing up in a very secular world. Some of our churches have stood for hundreds of years and are an important statement of historical and social continuity, a link with the past. They represent stability. The church — the building, its art, its liturgy and scriptures, its history — is a cultural legacy which should be allowed to enrich a child's education.

When I taught in Dept-ford in the 1960s and early 1970s, it was part of our Christmas tradition to take the boys to the magnificent St Paul's parish church. It that many of the boys, re- and the Word was with God, presenting a rich mixture of ethnic backgrounds, experi-i urge other schools to enced this part of their the same.

Tor 14 centuries, the heritage. No one was trying detract from their own religious or cultural position but merely to extend and enhance their experience.

Today, fewer and fewer state schools seem to acknowledge the value of church education". RE departments are encouraged to focus on social awareness and "morality" (whose?) at the expense of familiarising children with the traditions of the established church. Many school managers style themselves atheists and seem to think this absolves them from any responsibility for allowing pupils access to their cultural inheritance. This is an

evasion O

VIEWPOINT responsibility as a consequence lot which, some pupils will go through out hearing a word of the King James Bible or the Book of Common Prayer. The will never have felt the awe that the magnif

SUSAN ELKIN

icence of an old cuthedral or church can evoke. never heard a pipe organ or joined in a traditional hymn. The reachers of such children are failing to educate them

properly.
From my present school, a small single sex "secondary modern", we all repaired to our local parish church on the final afternoon of term. We think it important that the children have a chance to sense the special atmosphere and to perform their carefulrehearsed Christmas music in an appropriately traditional setting.

In a small way it probably counter-balances the coramercialism of Christmas too. A few of our pupils resd aloud some of the time-hoxoured poetry, so long an in-tegral part of Christmas. All heard the glorious poetry of the Authorised Version: "In was probably the only time—the beginning was the Word

I urge other schools to do

Finding the right direction



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Joan Rodgers gives a miraculous performance in the title role of Tchaikovsky's Yolande

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Paul Nicholas steps out onto the high wire as Barnum returns to the West End stage



Princely and noble in lunacy

THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on the Royal Shakespeare Company's new

Hamlet, featuring Kenneth Branagh

hakespeare gives Hamlet some pretty stunning job references. He is the courtier's, soldier's, scholar's eye, tongue and sword, the expectancy and rose of the fair state, the glass of fashion and the mould of form. He was likely, had he been put on, to have proved most royally. Even Claudius, exaggerating just a little in the second half of his recommendation, calls him generous and free from all contriving. But how often does Hamlet justify

his curriculum vitae? Not often, these days. In fact, I do not think one of those words was true of London's last major Hamlet, Alan Rickman. Had he come shambling and morosely hee-hawing into the office, a prospective employer might have thought he was interviewing Ecyore on the morning after he got a bust balloon for a birthday gift. But Kenneth Branagh merits each and every iota of the appointed Promote him to the of the accolade. Promote him to the top job in Denmark today, and there would be no shilly-shallying over ratifying European concords. He is the most impressively princely Hamlet I have seen in ages, and a good deal more than that, too.

The Denmark that Adrian Noble's Barbican production (sponsored by Unilever) offers is beveen 60 and 80 years older than the Maastricht treaty. The courtiers mostly opt for frock coats and wing collars. Rosencrantz and Guilden-stern are black-suited creeps with spais and co-respondent shoes. David Bradley's grey-faced Polonius sits behind a vast desk, a grey hatstand on one side, a ten-foothigh pile of grey filing cabinets on the other, a Kafkaesque clerk greyly hovering in front of a grey cyclorama.

The cyclorama changes hue from time to time; and it combines with gigantic curtains, some of them dark and heavy, some white and light, to give the production a spareness and scope. But Bob Crowley, the designer, injects domestic detail, too. What greets the players as they trudge with battered suiteases from what, judging by the puffing and the steam, is Elsinore Central Station? A brightly decorared Christmas tree, presumably another of Claudius's attempts to cheer up his benighted court."

Jane Lapotaire's Gertrude, as besits her temperament, inhabits a red bedroom, and Joanne Pearce's Ophelia, as fits someone her father calls "a green girl", a pea-coloured bedsit. One of the latter's possessions is a wardrobe into which Claudius and Polonius retire to overhear her interview with Ham-let. Another is a piano which she desolately strums — and, towards the end, is left symbolically ma-rooned among fallen chairs and withered flowers.

As this suggests, the evening has its eccentricities. I am still pondering the wisdom of bringing Clifford Rose's Ghost — a White King out of a plastic chess-set — up from a hole in Ophelia's herb garden. But considering its length, four and a half hours of uncut New Cambridge Shakespeare, Noble's production maintains its energy and momentum. Moreover, the decor reminds us that this is both a public and a private play, about a kingdom and family, a prince and a man.

That is Branagh's thinking, too. He is first seen with his head bowed, a black armband defiantly circling his sleeve; but there is nothing bowed about his character. This is a strong, unright Hamlet, who makes the Bernardos and Franciscos jump nervously back when he says something sharpish. For once, his complaint that his uncle "popped in between the election and my hopes" has substance. He certainty seems a more natural leader than John Shrapnel's Claudius, with his natty white suit, clay face and v biance to a maña godfather en route to the casino.

But this is not just a public Hamlet. Personal warmth is there, too: for Rob Edward's sumpled Horatio, whom Branagh reduces to tears with the candour of his regard and affection; for a father whose death inspires him with genuine grief, not Oedipal angst, and, more intricately, for an Ophelia herself besotted enough to keep his photo by her bed and harbour hopes of a royal wedding. Branagh's scenes with Pearce are particularly forceful: a tender cuddle followed by a



hurled in the tioor and his old love letters ripped up; another desperate clinch after which he spits in her face and, a bit later, publicly humiliates her even more savagely than is usual nowadays.

it is easy to see why Pearce's Ophelia runs dramatically amok, but harder to assess Branagh's own state of mind. His Hamlet may think he is feigning hunacy. Early on, he actually puts on a strainjacket and baits Polonius by waving its untied sleeves at him. But he intrudes so erratically into the play-scene that Claudius's sudden exit seems best explained by his under-

burst of rage in which she gets standable feeling he is being insul- is, by definition, an incomplete one. ted by a genuine manual One mo ment this Hamlet is wryty cracking jokes or incisively philosophising the next troubling even Horatio with the intensity of his tantrums.

Presumably Branagh means to be a bit mad as well as "mad in craft" and wants that to answer the oldest of all questions about the play: why Hamlet delays avenging his father. But 1 am not sure.

Branagh works so hard to give us every aspect of Hamlet - prince, thinker, ironist, son, lover and the rest - that it is inevitable his character seems incoherent at

I can imagine promunder Han lets and more instinctively electric ones, but I do not expect to see a solider, more thorough version. Branagh is especially to be recommended to those unfamiliar with the play, as indeed is Noble's production, which is wonderfully lucid and, on the whole, very well performed. Was there ever a Gertrude whose heart was more authentically "cleft in twain" than Lapotaire? Or a Polonius who better combined an old man's

pedantry with a chief minister's

dignity than Bradley? If so, I have

CONCERT REVIEW

Few fireworks at this gala

Barry Millington sees Sir Georg Solti conduct a restrained celebration to mark his own eightieth birthday and the 100th of Bruckner's Eighth

Two anniversaries were marked by the performance of Bruckner's Symphony No 8 in C minor given by the London Symphony Orchestra under Sir Georg Sohi at the Barbican on Friday night. The work itself was 100 years old that night — its premiere was on December 18, 1892 — and it was chosen by Sohi

to celebrate his eightieth birthday. The house was full on Friday, but when he entered. Solti was received politely rather than warmly. At the conclusion, the response was enthu-

siastic rather than rapturous. There were no cheers and the standing ovation was accorded somewhat reluctantly. A matter of respect rather than affection? I think not People came hoping for an incandescent Bruckner Eight, and were offered instead an arresting, occasionally great, performance, but one unlikely to be talked about for years to come.

Following the Nowak edition, it had all the characteristic Solti hallmarks: a demonic sense of urgency, driving nervous energy and strongly accented articula-tion. One has heard more sumptuous renderings of Bruckner's score: more bloom, more homogeneity. more spaciousness. Soliti allowed the fiery brass their head, and made little attempt to capture that seamless carpet of sound that Bruckner seems to demand.

This was never a sentimental reading. The emphasis was on action rather than meditation, and even in more measured passages the strings rarely shimmered - one was too aware of detail. That celestial glow familiar from many a ine bruckner periormance absent from Solti's down-to-earth,

Nowhere was this more true than in the slow movement, which was decidedly short on serenity. The movement's great paragraphs were unfolded majestically rather than with any sense of mystic contemplation. The image of a Bruckner symphony as a cathedral of sound was not foremost in this interpretation. On the contrary, there was a dramatic, heroic streak, that while not precluding a spiritual dimension, gave precedence to human struggles and concerns.

It was in the Adagio, too, that the single, really spine-tingling event occurred. The terrific eruption of E flat major at the movement's dimax is always a spurring moment, but as it approached. Solit tightened his grip inexorably. By the time the cymbals and triangle players stepped forward, the tension was already unbearable. The two players grasped their respective instruments and counted their way to the moment at which they mark the climax, not only of the Adagio,



was down-to-earth and secular

the thrills of live music-making is the enhanced anticipation of such climactic moments by the sight of players poised to make their contri-bution. The spirit of theatre encapsulated here was of a piece with whole.

His pacing was similarly impressive, with each change of tempo seeming justified within the overall span. Thus, even if one felt ultimately short-changed by the lack of substance in this interpretation, it was impossible not to be gripped by its animal energy and powerfully generated drama.

Not quite the performance in a thousand that might have been hoped for, then, but a fitting way for a conductor who has been at the centre of our musical life for many decades to enter his ninth.

Following in Charlie's footsteps



Hawthorne's C.S. Lewis, not enough box-office pull WHAT next for Dickie? Now that the epic Chaplin has been ARTS scrutinised by the Queen, approved (more or less) by the BRIEFING critics and delivered for public consumption, Sir Richard Attenborough is again on the about the author's love affair trail of historical luminaries to with a New York widow. bring to the screen. After Churchill, Gandhi and Chap-

Nigel Hawthorne played the role successfully in the iin, a film biography of the political firebrand Tom Paine West End and on Broadway the even won a Tony Award). Nevertheless, for the film a had long been planned. But that must sizzle on the back meatier box-office name was burner while the director turns required. Enter Anthony Hophis attention to C.S. Lewis and kins, fresh from playing a peripheral role in Chaplin as the great man's publishing Shadowlands, William Nicholson's much-acclaimed play editor. The film is scheduled to begin shooting in Britain during the spring.

It is hard to

imagine a finer

production of

Shaw's most

FIRST CALL

memorable

" play

NEW music will be flowing from the South Bank Centre in London, if all of Nicholas Snowman's plans come to fruition. The South Bank's director has announced no fewer than 35 commissions for the next few seasons. They include two new sym-

phonies for the resident London Philharmonic to premiere (by Robert Saxton and Jonathan Lloyd); a new opera to be written by Greek avant-gardist lannis Xenakis, a music theatre piece from Essex enfant terrible Mark Anthony Turnage; a trumpet concerto by Dominic Muldowney; and a new work for string quartet and orchestra, composed by Steve Mackey. That will be premiered by the Halle Orchestra and the Kronos Quartet. Other commissions go to Sir Harrison Birtwistle, Steve Reich and

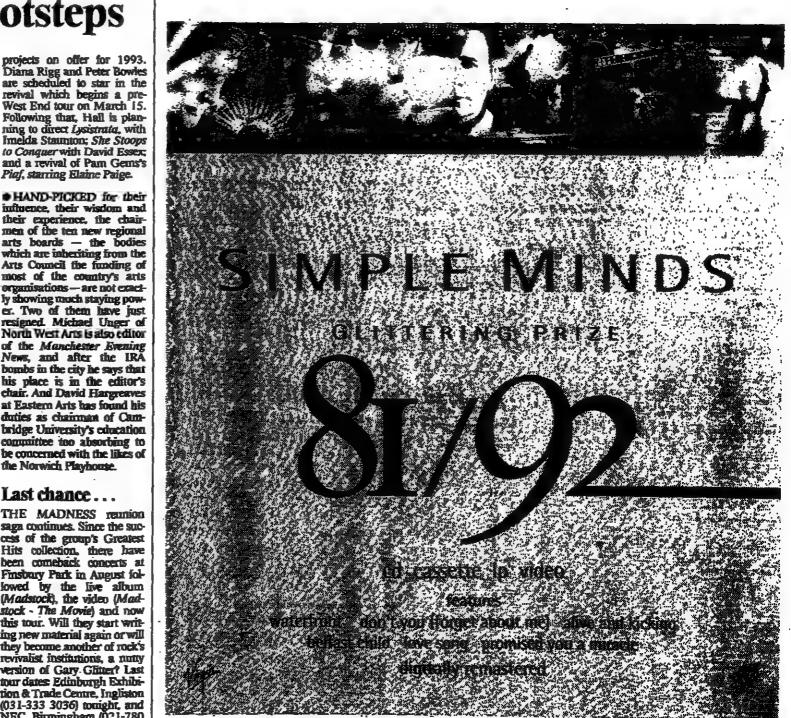
Hall tables

TERENCE Rattigan's Separate Tables will be the next show from the Peter Hall Company, which has four projects on offer for 1993. Diana Rigg and Peter Bowles are scheduled to star in the revival which begins a pre-West End tour on March 15. West End tour on March 15. Following that, Hall is planning to direct Lysistrata, with Imelda Staumon; She Stoops to Conquer with David Essex and a revival of Pam Gems's Piaf, starring Elaine Paige.

influence, their wisdom and their experience, the chairmen of the ten new regional arts boards — the bodies which are inheriting from the Arts Council the funding of most of the country's arts ly showing much staying pow-er. Two of them have just resigned. Michael Unger of North West Arts is also editor of the Manchester Evening News, and after the IRA bombs in the city he says that his place is in the editor's chair. And David Hargreaves at Eastern Arts has found his duties as chamman of Cambridge University's education committee too absorbing to be concerned with the likes of the Norwich Playhouse.

Last chance . . .

THE MADNESS reunion saga continues. Since the success of the group's Greatest Hits collection, there have been comeback concerts at Finsbury Park in August followed by the live album (Madstock), the video (Madstock - The Movie) and now this tour. Will they start writing new material again or will they become another of rock's revivalist institutions, a nutry version of Gary Glitter? Last tour dates Edinburgh Exhibi-tion & Trade Centre, Ingliston (031-333 3036) tonight, and NEC, Birmingham (021-780



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THE NUTCRACKER: Totakovsky's THE NOTCEPALACIER I ICREMOVALYS perennial Christmas ottering celebrates its 100th bethday this year, an event marked by English Nestonel Ballet in its antrual London season. Ben Stevenson's workeday production may not be the most inspired around, but it does boast attractive designs, courtesy of Desarond Heeley. does poast attractive designs, coursely of Desmond Heeley. Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (171-328 8803) Tonight-Wad, 7.30pm, meta tomorrow, Thurs, 2.30pm.

HAMSEL AND GRETEL: David Pountney's nostalgic but unsentimental production is revived at English productors is reviewed at English.
National Opora. Ricea Moninon's bright,
clear Gretol is in Inely perfinership with
Eithne Robinson's lovable Just Williamish Hansel. Equally fine performances
from Phyllis Cannen and Donald Maswell, Lional Friend conducts. Collegen, St Markn's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

THE CHOIR OF CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL: The distinguished Oxford choir performs a traditional cathedral Christmas programme St John's, Smith Square, SW1 (071-

CARTER USAL: The South London dual continue to offer an aggressive brand of power pop meting fuzz-box guitars with poma pop menig tez-tiok guilars ve plenty of attitude. Bristian Academy, Stockwell Road, SWS (071-328 2121), longhi, tomoro 6 Jõpm.

MODES HOLLAND: The MEDICE Big Banz. Jazz Café, 5a Parkway, NW1 (071-284 4358), Isrkejti, Iomorrow, 7pm.

A AMBLE SET YOUR GUILL INING Benn's pre-feminist musical is no model for a Ninebes woman but the songs are for a Ningeles woman but the songs are simply smaching. Prince of Wales, Covertry Street, W1 (071-839 5987). Tuck-Sat. 73jpm, mats Thurs, Sat. Sun. 3pm. 1807mns (closed Christmas day and Dec 28).

SI ASSASSINS: Sondhem's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that division-hopers to let American Presidents.
Donssar Warehouse, Eartham Street,
WC2 (071-867 150) Mon-Set, 7:30pm,
mats Thurs, Set, 3pm, 105mins (closed:
Christmas eve, Christmas day and New Year's day)

D savadule: Paul Nanolin with the tightrope in a Christmas revival of the chowbiz musical. Dominion, Tottenham Court Fload, W1 (071-580 8845) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, . mats Wed and Sat. 3pm. 140mm

E CAROUSEL: Joseph Riding and Michael Hayden star in a triumphant revisal of the Rodgers & Hammerstein

latiground musical.
National (Lythation), South Bank, SE1
(071-928 2252), Mon-Sat, 7:30pm, mais
Tues, Sat, 2:15pm, 180m/ars (closed
Christmas eve and Christmas dey). CYRIMO DE MIRITERAC: Robed

EL CYTAIMAD DE INSTITUTURE Pabed Lindsay looks right as the ressally chellenged here but the production is too busting to give enough room to the hill polgrancy of his fee. Theathe Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-950 8800) Mon-Stat, 7.30pm, mass Wed and Sat, 2.30pm, 180mms (closed Christmas eve and Christmas day). HAY FEVER: Yery kiriny

performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comed Alberry, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Set, Sprr, mate, Thurs Set, Sprr. 150mins (closed Christmes eve and Christmas day). IN THE PARTY LAND OF

hospital common room; Play Cooney ce with lots of laughs. rythouse, Northumberland Avenue, Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fri, Sprn, Sat, 8.30pm, mass Thure, 3pm, Sat, 8.30pm.

AN IDEAL HUSSAND: Ame ha Av Salest, Harman Gordon and Mertin Shaw in Wilde's "Insider dealing" melodrama. Some dated assumptions but stylishly done. Globia, Shaftsskury Avenus, W1 (071-494 5085) Mon-Sat, 7,45pm, mate Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 165mins.

NEW RELEASES

CHAPLIN (12): A sidled impersonation by Robert Downey Jr., but Richard Altenborough's bitly biographical spic never penetrates for Inside the man or

◆ COOL WORLD (12): Franctic, euflocating mixed media exercise from animetion's wild man Raich Bakshi. Staming Gebriel Byrne, Kim Besinger, Brad Pitt. MGM Fullham Road (071-370 2836)

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THE MAPPET CHISTIANA
CAROL (U.S. Surprisingly successful
bland of Dickers' story with Mapper
machiesis Stamma Michael Cane &
Scroogs; Kermit as Bob Cretcht.
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Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
MGM Chelses (071-325 5095) MGM
Haymarket (071-335 1527) MGM
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THE PRINCESS AND THE GOBLIN
(U). Blandy animated adion of George
MacDonald's Victorian classic about a

TODAY'S EVENTS

A delity guide to arts and entertainment and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

JEINAPONG RED LIGHTS: Peler Straig plays an upmeried deal in this show, tempting the audiones with strange logic and 18 musical numbers. Coekpit, Gataforth Street, Lissom Grove, NWS (071-402 5081). Opens as eve-Dec 27 and Nam

REGIONAL BIRMENGHAM: Hot salse band Come No, headed by Colombian singer Zara, takes up the Christmas readency. Romain Scott's, Broad Street (021-848

(525), tonight-Thurs, and Dec 28-31,

LEEDS: To mark the ballet's corponery Open North is posterion; a new version of Tchellovisky's classic The Nutbracker by the popular contemporary dance choreographer Matthew 8 and featuring the dencers of his Adventures in Motion Pictures Adventures in Motion Pictures company Presented as part of a cloude-bill with the Ychallicusky opene Yolande, the Nationales's original partner at the St Pelersburg premiere on December 18, 1892.

Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (5532 469571). Tonight, tornomow, 7pm.

and regulate Come, which stoke Liverpool some of the Tate's recent sculptural acquisitions, including works by Merio Merz and Rebecca Horn as well as the homegrown Tony Crago and Anthony Gormiey (until Jan 24). Tate Calley, Aban Dock (051-703 3223) Tues-Sun, (Carr-Gom (closed Christman our. Chromass day. Review. COPORD: Music at Oxford a Christmes lestival draws to an impressive close with a comment in the spounded yet insmale setting of the Sheidonian, by the ever-reliable chair and prohestra of Tipe Shape and the Sheidonian of Tipe Shape sheidonian of Shape sheidonian o Steen under Henry Christophers. Bach's Christmas Oratorio (parts 1-5) and the Brandenburg Concerto No 3 make up the programma. Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street (0065 791222), Sprn. OCPORD: If attaining the age of 50 is the qualification for a mid-Be retrospective. But Jacklin her just burely arrived in the right Class. This retrospective Urbein Portraits, New retrospective Urban Portralia, New York 1988-1992 is confined to his right powerful and disturbing work of the leaf seven years sport in New York. Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembrolos Street (0665 728608). Tuets-Set, 10em-jern (Thurs to Sprin), midday-djorn, until Jerusay 10, 1993 (closed Christmes day, Boding day, Dec 27, 28 and New Year's right.

Stanley Spanner, this assemblage of Spencer subtited "A Sort of Heaven" brings together all across and conditions with the emphasis on the assemblant

religious (until Jan 7). Also Myth-Making, a rather arbitrary gathering of

Abstract Expressions American painting by Rothko, Pollock and Barnett. Newman, valuable chiefly for its rarity value in a British context (until Jen 10):

and Natural Order, which shows

THEATRE GUIDE

LIVERPOOL: Topical at the moment

ereary Kingston's assessm of theatre showing in Lond:

Tremendously glossy production of the Kender & Ebb musical it coarsens the values of Manuel Pulg's novel but Chite

Phera makes a striling varrip. Sheafteebury, Sheafesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5599). Mon-Set. Spm., mats Wed. Set. Spm., 160mins (closed Christmas eve and Christmas day). DILORT IN TOWNESS Terms:
performance by Rosentary Hamis in a
Neil Simon comedy more weightly then
usual. Maureen Loman gives pood
value as a loopy aum.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-830 8800).
Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mals Wed, Sat,
2-30pm, 1970mps Idonacy Conference.

□ MESERY: Sharon Gleat (or-cop Cagney) unnerves 38 Paterson in stage version of the Staphen King thriller. Criterion, Piccasilly Circus, W1 (071-839 4488). Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins (closed Cirismes day).

OUR SONG: Print O'Took in Kelly NOUR SUME their O'Cook in Vietn's Waterfocas's play about 0 meropassal male's inferuation with a young women. Nextly done though we only hear the man's point of view.

Apalio, Shattesbury Avenue. W1 (071-494 5070), Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Sat. 8pm and 8.45pm. 135m/hrs (diosed Christmas eve and Christmas day). PRADO TIMES: Tony Sietlery in a furning down Memory Lone, bursting with spriightly Noel Gay numbers. Cusser's Shellastury Avenue, WI 1071-484 5040). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sal,

Spm, mals Thurs, 2.30pm, Set, 4.30pm 150mms (closed Chrisimes day). THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE
WORCE: Alson Steadmen and Jane
Hornodes in Jim Carbwight's play about
a saly girl seasoning her resucous mother.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836
8404), Mon-Set, Spm, met Set, 4pm,
150mins (loosed Constrains see and
Christmes day).

TAGES: Haunting performence by Alan Beites as the washed-up artest in

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of files in London and (where Indicated with the symbol ◆) on release aurous the country

Director, Joseph German. Odeon Kanstington (D425 914888).

SEAUTY AND THE meast (U) Surrippose (Versey carbon lary-tale, blessed with skilled animation and attractive songs. Directors, Gary Trouscole, Krik Wies.
Curzon West End (071-438 4805)
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Road (071-934 MGM)
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CURRENT

David Storey's elegy for lost times and places. Lindsay Anderson directs. National (Cottestoe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Torright, tomorrow,

TRAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smon Chief, John Wells, Fechard Kane, Christopher Gee pley all 26 parts in Glies Havergal's mervellous adaptation of Graham's Green's rovel. Whyadham's, Charing Crose Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mgn-Fri, áprin, 3et, 8.15pm, mets Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm, 140mers (closed Christopis eve and Christopis eve).

TIRE AWAY OF THE WELLS?
Finero's corriedy about theatre folk in mid-Victorian London. Successful only in parts and the minor parts at that. Stars Michael Hordern and Sansh Brightman. Comedy, Parisin Street, SWI (871-867 1045). Mon-Set, 7-38pm, miss Wed, Set. 2.30pm. 150mins (closed Christman and Christman and Christman and Christman. eve and Christmes days.

Ticket information from SMET.

+ HOME ALONE ≥ LOST W NEW YORK (PG): More of the earns, with

extra crudity and a horrid natw shreek of sentimentality. With Macaulay Culdin, Joe Pesci, Duniel Stern. Director, Chris Cournbus. Sur blown (071-858 8891) Missi Chalses (071-858 8891) Missi Chalses (071-858 031(0) Odeoras: Kanshington (0428 914-958) Misrbie Arch (0428 914501) West End (0426 915574) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3532).

PETERTS FRENDS (19): College pals meet up after a decade for a dib midure of leughter and teers. Kerneth Branegh directs Errma Thompson, Stephen Fly, Rito Ruciner and himself. Barbicair (071-838 6991). Lucusière (071-838 6991). Lucusière (071-838 6991) MGM Cholese (071-838 6991) MGM Tottenham Count Road (071-838 6148) MGM Tocadens (071-434 0081) Odeon Kenshigton (0428 914688) Plaza (071-935 2772) UCI Whiteleys (071-923 3382).

SiSTERI ACT (PG): Whoopi
Goldberg Index out in a convent.
Continued but disarming, warm-hearled
comedy, Maggie Small as the Mother
Supenor Director, Erale Ardolino.
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ENTHREE SHOS ALIGNITING ON A retival of mis subset, convict seet-or-fre-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummating art-prices. Royal Court. Some Square, SVY, (071-730 1745), Mon-Sac, Spm, mat Sac, 4pm. 150mms (closed Dec 21-Boiding)

LONG RUNNERS: [] Blood

Strong singers, given little help: Alcina (Yvonne Kenny, foreground left), Bradamante (Kathleen Kuhlmann) and Morgana (Judith Howarth)

Castaways on a featureless island decades of inventive sister called Morgana; a spot of disguise and cross-dressing; tempers and passions that run high: Handel's Alcina is just the thing to join Hansel magic wand and a spirited twirl of the baton to work Handel's magic. and Gretel and Die Fledermaus as festive fare. Yet since Joan Sutherland put Handel's enchanted island on the map when she sang in the title role of Zeffirelli's 1962 production, Alcina

This new production was eagetly Ten minutes into the first act, though, and one was transported, not to that distant world of sorcery and sensuality, but back 30 or 40 years to a time when it was considered acceptable penance to sit through three or four hours of successive vocal showpieces, fossilised within a static drama. Two

OPERA North's production of

Tchaikovsky's last two works for the stage, the double bill of Yolande and

The Nutcracker, was premiered at the Edinburgh Festival in August and

presented for the first time in Leeds on

Friday, 100 years to the day after the

Seen together - and as far as

Englated is concerned this is the first opportunity to the section of the section of the control of the control

erest statement about linked themes:

the protective excoon of childhood and

In Yolande, an opera of astonishing

psychological sophistication, the hero-

me's unacknowledged blindness can

COMMON man, or Papageno, wins most of the tricks in Scottish Opera's

new Flute. And that perhaps is how it

should be in Martin Duncan's sparky, irreverent production. He may litter the stage with masonic symbols; but his sympathies rarely lie with Sarastro and

The Brotherhood, who are forced into

a jaunty two-step when the music of enlightenment wells up from the pit at

the close. Klemperer would not have been amused. Even the sun's rays.

dispelling the powers of darkness, are

not so much golden as canary yellow, perhaps underlining the fact that Duncan's true hero is plainly the

Simon Keenlyside certainly turns in

a virtuoso performance as Papageno, purveyor to the Queen of the Night of

multi-coloured fowl, which he catches adroidy as they whize across the stage.

birdcatcher.

the resultant traumas of growing up.

original premiere in St Petersburg.

has not returned to Covent Garden.

staging and searching recordings have shown us that it takes more than a petulant flick of a

John Fisher, making his Covent Garden conducting debut with this production, and Richard Morrison on these pages that his Handel would have a "full, meaty sound", since the opera was "all about clashing egos". Something of a musicological non sequitur; what we heard was more like an endless string of indifferent sausages. With all-purpose spruceness and homogenised textures, the orchestra flattened out the wonderfully unpredictable melodic contours of Handel's

writing and left a comfortable, cosy

Alcina Covent Garden

OPERA: Handel at the Royal Opera; Tchaikovsky in Leeds; Mozart in Glasgow

better a time of it. Within Thomas P. Lynch's single shallow set, dominated by one tree, a long hedge and an um. Stephen Wadsworth seemed to have little idea as to what to do with his motley band of enchanters and enchanted. Some palpable focus on chivalry or pastoral or the magic arts -notions which, inspired Handel and could well still inspire us -- would have been welcome:

A generally strong cast was beached on a dramatic desert island. The double-act of Yvonne Kenny and Ann Murray was the glory of both English National Opera's Xerxes and Covent Garden's own Mitridate. It was the

accompaniment to

one of his most pass-

The eye had no

salvation of this Alcina too. Yet when Murray, as Alcina's lover, Ruggiero, sang an aria of confused passion, her clear, ringing vocal line, lilting with ornament, her da capo repeat trancelike in its stiliness, the orchestra expressed little wonder. And when Alcina (Kenny) realised she was betrayed and her magical powers were ebbing, the descending string chards slipped dutifully into place, when they should have pulsed with fear and grief. Both Anthony Rolfe Johnson as Oronte and Judith Howarth as Mor-

gans, with their sensuously inflected singing, gave many a "momento de contento", and Kathleen Kuhlmann offered a powerfully projected, if shakily integrated, Bradamante.

HILARY FINCH

The zest of Tchaikovsky sexual nature, and Yolande/Nutcracker the miracle "cure" is

Grand, Leedseffected by full acceptance of the condition, coming to terms with it, and willing its defeat out of concern for someone else which I suppose is one definition of growing up. The Happy End, unique in Tchaikovsky's serious operas, is peculiarly affecting given that within a year of the premiere he was dead, in all probability by his own

Martin Duncan's production, the be seen as either a symptom of her : boldly coloured - hurrah! - décor by

The masterly central duet in which the tenor hero (Kim

voice) discovers that Yolande is blind, gently describes to her what she is missing and soothes her understandable panic was faultlessly directed and performed, and Duncan deverty sugrested the constricting formality of the court and its gradual unfreezing as the cure drew near.

Joan Rodgers's performance of the title role was a miracle in itself, sung on soprano tone at once beautifully limpid refuctance to grow up, or the result of Anthony Ward and Robert Bryan's yet with a core of strength at its centre, her father's over-protectiveness. With exquisitely sensitive lighting for once the benefit of hindsight it can also be made Yolande seem the little master-directness. Gwynne Howell, as her seen as a metaphor for the composer's piece I have always thought it to be. father, was sadly voiceless and mimed

the role while Michael Druiett sang powerfully from the side of the stage. and the fact that this scarcely affected the work's spell is further tribute to the overall strength of Duncan's staging. The Victorian prohamage setting for

The Nutcracker in Duncan's and Matthew Bourne's new scenario is very funny and very naughty as danced by Adventures in Motion Pictures, and only the most determined sourpuss could shyly suggest that there is more to the piece than emerged - sheer, blind terror for one. Both works were excellently conducted by David Lloyd-Jones, and the zest with which the English Northern Philharmonia attacked Nutcracker — with the inestimable advantage of not having had to play it day in day out, like ballet orchestras was utterly infectious. A lovely evening.

RODNEY MILNES

Birdcatcher takes wing

He has a proboscis of which Cyrano would be proud more of a beak in fact. He has legs as

long as the stork's and like that bird he has a tendency to Susannah Waters. Her pretty brown stand on only one of them. His ringlets and assured stagecraft may baritone copes as easily with Mozart's lock her too quickly into too many. line as it does with Jeremy Sams's new ranslation. And, like the best lacking a bit of gravity, shows that Papagenos, Keenlyside has the gift of taking the audience into his confidence, using ripely open Yorkshire vowels in gathering their support.

Souther rolls: But her ramina, while translation. And, like the best lacking a bit of gravity, shows that more serious things could come later.

Elsewhere caricature, vastly encouraged by Ken Lee's flashy costumes and cheeky sets, is the order of the day. The

The only problem is that he makes Tamino look a very dull dog. Paul Nilon is as yet a stodgy actor, although his tenor, when he relaxes it, has

The Magic Flute Theatre Royal, Glasgow

formed with considerable allure by soubrette roles. But her Pamina, while

Queen of the Night bears a powerful resemblance to Hermione Gingold in cabaret, although Jennifer Rhys-Davies gets most of the notes. Her trio of

Ladies in midnight-blue jodhpurs, become a posse of rapacious Vogue editresses, 1920s vintage. Monostatos (Rupert Oliver Forbes) is a fat black stallion, with genitals to match, but the promise. The best music by far is made in Act I by Papageno Three Boys are all girls. and Pamina, per-

The first act swings along with high spirits and good humour. But after the spirits and good numour. But after the interval Nicholas McGegan's control of the orchestra faltered, with some weak string playing. And Martin Duncan was far less happy staging Sarastro's trials of character than he had been earlier while Tamino was lost in the desert. The Flute has two acts and many facets. Only Papageno, our new hero, can afford to stand aside and hope that old feathers sometimes can conceal fine young birds such as Papagena (Ann Archibald).

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Revolution with a light touch

ARCHITECTURE: The spectacular designs of Jean Nouvel are now on show

in London. Marcus Binney reports

arely since the late 18th-century heyday of Boullée and Ledoux has a Frenchman produced a revolutionary architecture with so direct an appeal to the imagination as Jean Nouvel. Here are visionary projects as extraordinary as Boullée's great spherical monument to Isaac Newton.

Nouvel made his name with the Institut du Monde Arabe, the first, and most acclaimed, of President Mitterrand's grands projets. Now London's ICA gallery brings the story up to date with an exhibition of nine completed buildings and 11 more current projects.

Nouvel's absorbing passion is glass. "It allows us to use light itself as a material," he enthuses. Lightness, transparency, back-lighting, reflections and the night-time view are key elements of his latest work.

He is fascinated with the concept of "dematerialisation", buildings which seem to dissolve before the eye, and the use of layering to create a sense of depth. He rejects one of the canons of modern design. "! can no longer base a project on its structural expression.

Not surprisingly, Nouvel's exhi-bition is all light and movement (cinema is a passion). Slides are projected to fill the walls "so you can walk around the buildings," he says, and video monitors present individual buildings.

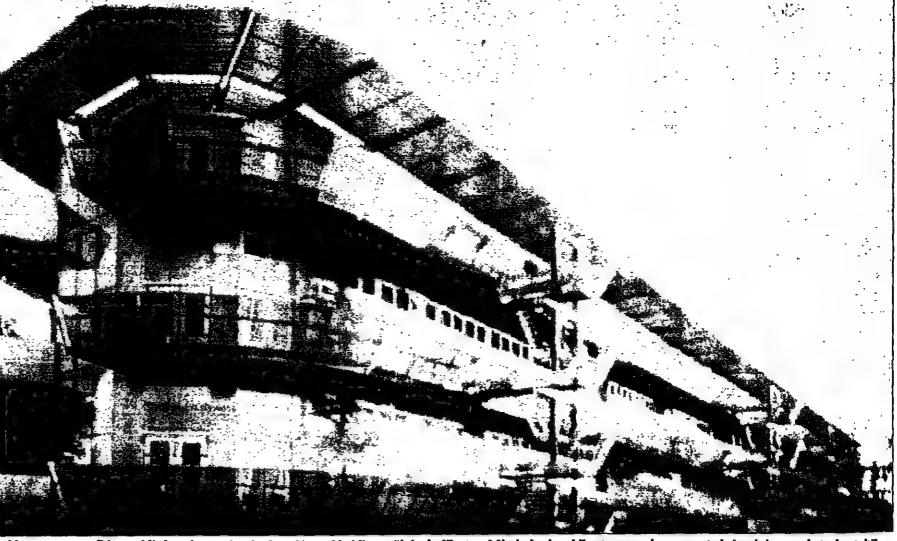
His most eyecatching project so far is the Tour Sans Fin — the endless tower. This is the European counterpart of Sir Norman Foster's Millennium Tower proposed for Tokyo. Designed to stand close to the grand arch at La Défense in Paris, it "disappears" into both base emerges as from a crater, giving way to polished granite, then to grey stone, then to glass, screen printed with silver motifs that grow steadily more mirror-like as it arrives at cloud level.

For sheer originality in the use of simple geometric forms his proposals for the Galeries Lafayette in Berlin are a sensation. The plans of the upper floors look like slices of gruyère, punctured by different sized circular holes. But a cross section reveals these are part of a small forest of hollow cones, 17 in all, some upright, some inverted.

Vertigo is guaranteed when you look out into the main atrium and find the walls tapering away be-neath you all the way to the ground. Here a second funnel-like cone plunges vortex fashion through the basement. Other cones are like fissures, bringing streams of day-light deep into the building. In Frankfurt the brief provided by the Victoria Insurance Company

was simple: "We want the most beautiful building in the world." Nouvel has offered the company the most ethereal, an "ice loaf" which would gleam at night. brilliantly lit from within, clear here, opaque there. He takes the all-glass curtain wall facade to a new extreme. It is supported from behind not by steel beams or masts but buttresses which are themselves of glass. To heighten the sense of ethereality, there stands, impris-oned within the glass front, the facades of an older building Nouvel has been required to preserve.

For Cologne he has designed a luminous blue "media park" tower made up of illuminated sections that stack up like a music centre. One facade is suggestive of a giant



Nemausus, a striking public housing project by Jean Nouvel in Nimes: "it looks like two Mississippi paddle-steamers, in corrugated aluminium and steel mesh"

television screen, another of a tape cassette holder. Brand names like Siemens and Bosch are everywhere. To invite entry, Nouvel has a red fissure up the full height of the building, suggesting a world of bright lights and music within.
Visionary yes, but will they be
built? Happily Nouvel can reply
with four major projects which will

be completed in the next 16 months. First is an advertising agency on the Ile Saint-Germain in Paris. Nouvel explains: "Modern office blocks have become stereotyped. Paris is full of empty offices like London. We have to reconsider their whole design." He staps his hip pocket. "Now you can have a telephone here, you can dispense with a desk, sit in a comfortable chair or just walk around." So CLM-BBDO, as it is known,

is like a giant riverboat, round at

the stem, set in its own small lake. There are commuous balconies, like deck walks. You can slide open the floor-to-ceiling glass windows and work en plein air. Goodbye to the air-conditioned office prisons of the 1980s. Even the roof flans over the atrium open and close like

Next May will see the opening of the Opera de Lyon. "My most important project since the Monde Arabe, and as controversial as Pei's Louvre Pyramid," Nouvel adds. He was obliged to keep the handsome 19th-century extenor but signals revolutionary change by a huge Crystal Palace style hooped glass roof doubling the building's height. The auditorium has been increased from 900 to 1,300 seats and reconstructed in six tiers of balconies. "It's not the usual horseshoe. The spectators will be much,

much closer to the action," says Nouvel. "Each box will have its own electric candle so the audience themselves will create the architecture, l'ordre de la salle."

By the end of 1993 his new congress centre for the city of Tours will be ready, next to the splendid 19th-century railway station by Laloux. "It's very contextual, yet very modern," he says. The front is intriguingly anthropomorphic a space invader with a cloth cap, supported by giant pillars. Fourth will be the Fondation

Cartier on the Boulevard Raspail in Paris, scheduled for completion in April 1994. "A château brillant. A game on immateriality," says Nouvel. The facade is extended outwards and upwards from the building as the acreen to catch reflections of trees and sky. For Cartier he has also

completed an elegant, ultra-mod-ern factory in Switzerland. It is Mies-like in its sleek lines and use of darkened glass but given an exotic character by its strongly oversailing roof.

Striking, too, is his Nemausus, a public housing project in Nimes. It looks like two Mississippi paddlesteamers, this time in corrugated aluminium and steel mesh garb. Though to English eyes the exterior access walkways send out alarm signals. Nouvel insists they are appropriate to a Mediterranean climate. Come dusk they turn a vivid nightchib crimson. And the door knobs are all converted fire alarm buttons. For Nouvel "a nice apartment is a large apartment". By using industrial materials he has increased the size of the average flat by 50 per cent, spread across

For the publishing house of Dumont-Schauberg he has proposed a new form of architecture parlante, a glass facade to be screen printed with press headlines and political rubrics from the year in which it is built. What the occu-pants will feel about looking through a backwards alphabet

remains to be seen. But Nouvel is not such a revolutionary that he is intent on sweeping away the past. He condemns the disasters of the 1960s. He fought against the demolition of the great Parisian markets at Les Halles, Today, he says, the city has to be developed "in small touches with more modesty but more ambition to achieve depth".

■ The exhibition runs until February 14 as the ICA, The Mall, London SWI (071-930 0473), but is closed from December 24 to January 3.

THEATRE: Martin Hoyle welcomes a familiar circus, with a new ringmaster, back into the West End

Roll up for an act with the ring of confidence

his American musical devoted none too seriously to lauding the showman who famously averred that there is a sucker born every minute, has been a frequent visitor to London over the past decade. Mark Bramble's book whisks through Phiness T. Barnum's life, personal and professional, sketching in just enough to provide a dramatic thread; and the songs by Cy Coleman (music) and Michael Stewart (lyrics) are cheerfully bouncy in a showbizzy way. Offering the chance of spectacle, colour and genuine circus acts — juggling, acrobats, the high wire

Barnum Dominion

the show is ideal family entertainment, especially when performed as engaging-

lts title role also provides a whopping opportunity for a singing, dancing, clowning, rope-walking leading man. The unexpected excellence of English actors in both America (Jim Dale) and Britain (Michael Crawford) has almost led to Barnum being adopted. Now the first national mur arrives in London

with Paul Nicholas in the Crawford hurled himself at

the audience and conquered through vitality and sheer oldfashioned personality. Nicholas is lower key. He bustles on with the slightly parodied self-importance of a younger Bruce Forsyth, His Barnum is an ingratiating sitcom adventurer rather than the visionary who elevated what he called "humbug" to an art form.

Less dazzling than Crawford, he still manages to walk a high wire and slide down a rope slung above the audience from the gallery to the stage. This Barnum's tricks are edged with armiety in case they fail - not that they do, but the first night had its quota of offstage bangs, guns that refused to shoot, and puffs of smoke that anticipated their cue. The plot follows Barmin's career, from exhibiting a slave

as George Washington's 160-year-old nurse, buying London Zoo's Jumbo, entering politics, to final partner-ship with Bailey to form the first three-ring circus. His emotional life is anchored in a happy marriage with the practical Charity (Carol Duffy). disturbed only by an apparent fling with Jenny Lind, "the Swedish nightingale" who re-ceives him in the favourite casualwear of international



Paul Nicholas as Barnum: an ingratiating sitcom performer rather than a visionary of the circus

divas tights and ostrich plumes. Clara Miller makes her into a sort of early Victorian Jeanette MacDonald given to anachronistically chromatic waltz songs and refrains like The game of love amuses, unless of course one loses". The original New York pro-

duction by Joe Layton was directed by Buddy Schwab who died this month. Enthusiastically put over by a young cast trained by circus experts Terry and Danuta Parsons, the show speeds by and is an TELEVISION REVIEW: An evocative literary adaptation

Child of the Caribbean

years. but The Hummingbird Tree (last night, BBC 1) was the first to be shot entirely in Trinidad, using a largely local cast. Based on Ian McDonald's 1969 novel, it told the story of Alan, a privileged white boy aged 12, and his friendship with two Indian servants, 11year-old Jaillin and her elder brother Kaiser, during Trinidad's first general election in 1946. A combination of sensitive direction, good dialogue and several fine performances

resulted in a memorable table

about the loss of innocence. The three children (Tom Beasley as Alan, Desha Penco as Jaillin and Sunil Y Ramjusingh as Kaiser) were utterly convincing, especially when Alan found himself torn between his loyalty to his friends, symbolising Trinidad itself, and his obligations to English values. Jaillin's acquiescence in Alan's inarticulate, boyish adoration culminate in her banishment - and that of Kaiser — from the paradise by the sea, after the two of them bathe naked together and are found by Alan's father Stephen (an impressive Pat-

nick Bergin).

The background to this prepubescent idyll was provided by Trinidad's political coming of age. The underlying

Ost-colonial settings for tween Alan and his parents, ing Alan's friendship: they British television films the tolerant but blind Stephen want to be reassured that he have been fashionable and the stubbornly Anglo- does not think them "vulgar" centric Marjorie (Susan Wooldridge superb), is a microcosm of the division within the white community. It is Alan, not his father, who notices Marjorie's adultery with the white candidate of "experience and integrity" in

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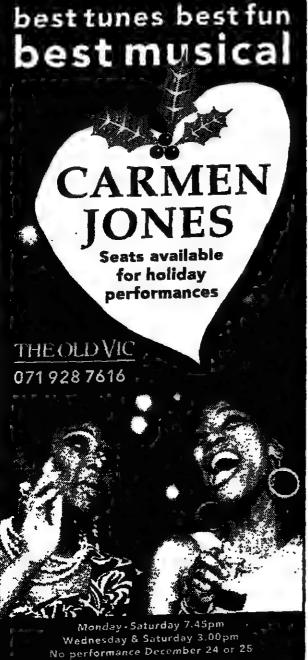
boy grasps the hollowness of

their way of life, but he is

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When both Indians are sacked after the bathing incident, Alan seeks approval by telling his father: "I was getting not to like them anyway." But in the poignant epilogue, six years later, Alan meets Jaillin again; and both feel a pang of missed opportunity: "You was white and I was a brown girl. Pascal was right: the heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of.

Daniel Johnson



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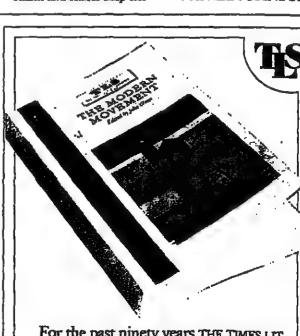
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Severn Trent attacked for bias towards investors

■ In another attack by regulators on the privatised industries, Ofwat has attacked Severn Trent for favouring shareholders above customers in setting price levels

By GEORGE STVELL

in the six months to end Sep-

tember and raised the interim dividend by 9.4 per cent to 7p out of earnings up 2.7 per cent to 37.5p a share. In the year to

March. Severn managed a

6.4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £265 million. The

total dividend rose 10 per cent to 19.3p out of earnings up 5.7 per cent to 68.2p a share.

The attack drew an immedi-

ate response from Mr Bellak,

who has written to Mr Wilkin-

son: "As to dividends, it was

always understood that this

would be at a rate of proper

real growth above inflation

and you will understand that

they relate to an earlier year. It is the shareholders who in the

longer term finance the tre-

mendous investments re-

quired and ... these are running at double the level of

He also stated: "I am sure

you recognise that the finan-

cial position prior to privatisation was wholly accidental as a consequence of different gov-

ernments' earlier policies and

it is the current financial

structure that is relevant. In

this context, I must again

point out that the company's

investment in the last financial

year was £585 million in the

water business and this repre-sented substantially more than

profit and more."

SEVERN Trent, the Midlands water and sewerage group, has been attacked by a customer service committee of Ofwar, the water industry regulator, for erring in favour of shareholders and too little on the side of the customer.

Clive Wilkinson, chairman of the central customer service committee of Ofwat, wrote to John Bellak, the chairman of Severn Trent "The CSC will be urging the Director General of Water Services, in his forthcoming review of prices from 1995, to be as tough as possible in setting the new price levels, because, in my members' opinion, the experience since privatisation is that Severn Trent err too much in favour of their shareholders, and too little on the side of the

Striking an appropriate balance between the interests of shareholders and consumers has been at the very heart of the intense debate over privatised industries, including gas, electricity, telecom-munications and water.

Last week, the gas and electricity industries came under attack from their regulators. Offer, which regulates electricity, said more competition was needed to limit the market power of National Power and PowerGen, Britain's two big-gest generators. In a submission to the monopolies commission. Ofgas called for the British Gas pipeline system to be hived off.

Mr Wilkinson wrote: "To see dividend increases being given at more than twice the rate of inflation by a monopoly utility at a time of serious recession, is unacceptable." He added: "We ... accept double its profit."



Toytown builder: John Mott, Mottik inventor and chairman, is raising half a million to take on Lego

Isosceles to appoint Simons

By Colin Narbrough

ISOSCELES, the financially troubled buyout vehicle for the Gateway supermarket chain, is to appoint David Simons. the Storehouse finance director, as chief executive, to encourage its creditors to approve a restructuring of the group's £1.3 billion debt.

Under the restructuring, creditors would provide a cash injection of E30 million and Isosceles' debt repayments would be frozen for six months. The creditors are expected to finalise their stance tomorrow.

Mr Simons, 45, will take over from Alistair Mitchell-Innes, whose departure was an-nounced on December 9. Mr Mitchell-Innes took the job in September 1991. Isosceles has asked Mid-

land, its agent bank, and 37 other creditor banks, for an emergency standstill on its debt by Christmas to avoid a credit crunch in the new year, when a £20 million interest bill falls due. The rescheduling request was submitted on Thursday at a meeting of the group and its advisers at Hill Samuel, the merchant bank called in to restructure borrow ings. The third attempt at debt restructuring comes only weeks after shareholders approved the second restructuring.

Wasserstein Perella, the American investment bank, which owns 30 per cent of Isoscales' equity, was earlier understood to be reluctant about a further restructuring, but is now believed to be more agreeable to a debt for equity swap that would dilute its holding.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

TODAY — Interims: Fampel Trading Group, Fletcher King, Ivory & Sime, Victoria Carpet, Finals: Abbey Panels investments, Stakis. Economie statisties: gross domestic product (3rd quarter) (including analyses of expenditure income and output components).

WEDNESDAY - Finals: TOMORROW - Interims: Albrighton, Batleys, Border Television. Finals: Chrysalis Caspen Oil, Kelsey Industries. Economic statistics: Capital Group. Economic statistics: expenditure and stock-Cross-border acquisitions and building (3rd quarter - rev). mergers (3rd quarter), balance institutional investment (3rd of payments current account quarter), construction - new orders (October - provision-al), personal income, expendiand overseas trade figures (November), international ture and saving (3rd quarter). banking statistics (3rd quarter).

Lego rival builds up capital

By WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

MOTTIK, Britain's answer to Lego, thrusts itself into the financial world today with a share sale offer to raise about half a million pounds. Mottik is made by Mottik International Group, named after its chairman, John Mott, who invented the Lego-like toy construction system. A Mottik set consists of cubes and triangular wedges as basic building bricks that are linked together with wheel and axle accessories.

The toy will be officially launched at the Earls Court Toy Fair next month, and orders have already been received from Hamley's toy store, who will supply British Airways as part of the airline's "Skyfliers Pack".

Griffiths & Lamb. Birmingham stockbroker, will today offer 2 million shares in the company at 30p each to raise a net £490,000.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Latin American growers to fight EC banana tariff

THE banana producing nations of Latin America have agreed on a common strategy to fight, possibly with retaliatory action, the European Community's decision to impose a tariff on bananas that could cut imports from Latin

America by a quarter. Juan Manuel Santos, the Colombian foreign trade minister, said that the Latin American producer countries might even pull out of the world trade talks. "It could be difficult for Latin American countries to keep negotiating in the Uruguay round, when one of our principle commercial partners does not respect our fundamental principles," he said. Latin America exports about 2.5 million tonnes of bananas to the Community each year, but the tariff regime to come into force next year will be punative above 2 million tonnes. Community farm ministers ended a long rift between Germany and the former colonial powers by deciding to continue to protect banana producers in former colonies and overseas territories in the Caribbean and Africa, whose fruit is more expensive than the Latin American product.

Warning for Clinton

THE International Chamber of Commerce has condemned Bill Chinton's proposals to alter the way Washington taxes multinationals. It said the proposed regulations to determine transfer prices among affiliates of multinationals were in direct contradiction to generally accepted principles laid down by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Mr Clinton has suggested he could raise as much as \$45 billion over four years by enforcing tax laws against foreign companies more vigorously. The ICC said:

"If implemented, these rules will undermine international consensus on transfer pricing methodology with the serious consensus on transfer pricing methodology with the serious risk of increased double taxation and distortions to crossborder trade and investment."

Non-executives flourish

THE influence of the independent director has grown significantly over the past two years, particularly on remuneration and audit committees, according to a survey by 3i, the venture capital group. Today, almost all remuneration and audit committees, which exercise a strong supervisory function over the board of a company, are chaired by independent directors, and almost half are comprised solely of them. Two years ago, most such committees had equal numbers of executive and non-executive directors. 3i says. However, while more than 80 per cent of independent directors think they should have unrestricted access to company information, a recent poll by 3i found only a third of finance directors shared that view.

RJB to seek listing

RJB Mining, one of the largest opencast contractors to British Coal, is to seek a stock market listing next year. RJB operates 11 opencast mines in the UK, and one deep mine at Blenkinsopp, Cumbria. It is also involved in private mining under licence and has interests in estimated coal reserves on sites not currently mined of about 2 million tonnes. Operating profits in 1991 were £15 million on turnover of £76 million. Richard Budge, chief executive, said the flotation would "provide us with additional funding flexibility as we look for further expansion opportunities". The company was created in its current form in February this year through a management buyout, which valued the company at £106.5 million.

Lamont must stop playing Scrooge

BRITAIN'S recession — the longest and deepest suffered by any of the G7 countries may finally be ending. A return to slow economic growth should not prevent base rates from falling further and remaining low for longer than markets currently discount. However, the rally in long gilts appears to be over. Low growth and inflation in 1993 will lead to a steeper yield curve rather than lower long yields.

The government is now focused on restarting the economy. Discontent on the Tory backbenches will resurface if the new policy framework fails to deliver an upswing. Despite higher import prices, underlying inflation should edge lower next year, allowing economic expansion to remain the priority. Disinflationary pressures in the UK are strong. Wage growth is at a 25-year low. and spare capacity is at its highest for more than 40 years. Unemployment in 1993 and 1994 will be at its

highest level since the 1930s. Recovery is also needed to avert a fiscal crisis. Even with a modest upturn in the economy, rising government spend-ing will send the fiscal deficit past 8 per cent of GDP next year and higher still in the mid-1990s. That is unsustainable. High deficits and high real gilt yields will cause the government's debt interest costs to balloon. Moreover, if the recession continues in

1993, dwindling tax revenues will catapult the deficit to 10 per cent of GDP. The last time that occurred, in the mid-1970s, the pound collapsed and the IMF had to bail the

government out. Recent declines in both interest rates and the pound should allow the economy to grow by nearly 1 per cent in 1993. That is thin gruel, but debt levels and real interest rates remain too high to allow anything stronger. Personal and corporate debts have yet to fall significantly, property prices remain weak, and mortgage commitments con-

tinue to plummet. Base rates of 7 per cent appear low by the standards of recent decades, but they are still not low enough. In the 1960s, the last time growth rates in money, credit, wages, and manufactured goods prices were as low as now, a 7 per cent base rate was consid-

Mr Lamont is playing Scrooge on base rates. How-ever, the government cannot afford, financially or politically, to let recovery fail. In the months ahead, as the upturn is seen to be slow and patchy, the authorities will cut rates again to coax the economy along. A tax-raising Budget may also need a sweetener of lower base rates. There should be one or even two base rate

cuts, of half a point each, in the next quarter, with further cuts, to 5 per cent, in the course of 1993.

As in America, interest rates will not stop falling until economic growth is re-established and the threat of a double-dip is past. That is still some way off.

Sterling is significantly un-dervalued against the mark and the French franc. Next year, the British economy should outpace its continental neighbours, while German interest rates will fall further than British ones.

Provided the UK economy returns to growth, there could be upward pressure on sterling against other European currencies during the next year, presenting a benign

cuts. Despite low inflation in 1993, long gilt yields will remain stranded at about 9 per cent, because the exploding budget deficit casts doubt on Britain's ability to keep inflation low over the long term. Unless the government is prepared to raise taxes sharply or axe spending, the only way to avert a fiscal crisis is to keep interest rates low and get the economy moving at above-trend rates, thereby

raising capacity utilisation. Past experience suggests that a return to above-trend growth would eventually fuel inflation. Next year's low inflation rate is unlikely to be around for many more Christmases to come.

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A REPUTATION ENHANCED

The 1991-92 Academic Year was a challenging time for Figure Education. As competitive pressures increased the University of Nottingham responded with a positive programme of policies, developments and initiatives. A strong financial base, continuing popularity with sustains from some and abroad and a record value of new research awards enabled Nottingham to enhance its reputation as a major research led mattersity, a centre for innovative and high quality teaching, and an academic, social and cultural resource of great influence in its City and Region.

Highlights of the year featured in the University's Annual Report include:

Financial Strength The University has had a successful at a manufally. Total income increased by almost ten percent which included substantial increases in income from UFC grants and home students (1994), averseas students (24%) and research (7%). UFC grant allocation put the University of Nottingham in the top ten research-led universities a surplus of 5 6 million has been recorded and is to be invested in new capital and academic developments. The financial strength of the University is among the very highest in the United Kingdom.

Research Funding - Another Record Year Grants and contracts awarded have more than doubled in the past four years despite continuing economic gloom. New awards during 1991-92 totalled £25 million for the previous year.

The New Arts Centre and the Angear Visitors Centre apenied the year to provide significant new facilities for the City and

Student Popularity The University of Northigham receives as populativy in terms of applications per available places - a ratio of 15:1.

Academic and Research Activities These include Normanian's involvement in the development of the Ford Motor Company's new Zeta Engine: major advances in Magnetic Resonance Imaging counciding with the commissioning of a new purpose-built centre; the major re-structuring and strengthening of Nottingham's contribution to Cancer Research, and the appointment of the first Professor of Stroke Medicine; a far-ranging programme of Computer-Assisted Learning and communed complians on staff development.



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Auswers from page 32 BLANQUETTE

(c) A dish of light meat (esp. veal) in a white sauce, from the French for blanker, Timer. "It is hard to distinguish clearly between a blanquette and a fricassée. Both should be made from fresh meat (usually chicken, veal or tamb) cooked in a flavoured white stock. For a blanquette the meat is more often blanched with herbs and seasoning."

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(b) A paragitic nematode worm belonging to the genus Filuria or to genera closely related to it, from the Latin filum a thread; Compton Mackenzie, Oid Man of the Sea: "If he could have injected filuriae into Biscoe and induced elephantiasis he would have done so."

DOOMIE

(a) A name given to an imaginary prophet of doom or giver of warrings, RAF colloquialism, from doom + suffix -ie: "The era which produced Chads, Doomies and Greening," "Pinwheel was his first name, but he was adopted by other RAF units under the name of Doomie - and Doomie he remained until the British Army adopted him with the new name of Chad."

CLAYTONIA (a) A plant of the genus of small kerbs so called, belonging to the family Portniacaccae, and native to North America, Siberia and Australasia, eponym of John Clayton, Virginian botanist (1686?-

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COMMENT

Lies, damned lies and forecasts

t used to be said that smoking was easily the world's largest single cause of statistics. Nowadays the baton has been taken on by business forecasts. At a time of year noted for its excesses, one over-indulgence in particular never escapes us. The next fortnight will bring a deluge of predictions minutely analysing everything from pork belly futures to the price of bananas (large, yellow, non-EC). Before the seasonal flood commences, it is as well to recall that financial forecasts share another similarity with smoking - they can severely damage your wealth.

This latter rule may not, however, apply to chancellors, and only sometimes to investors. There is no guidance, though, as to which times are which. In Nigel Lawson's case the excruciatingly bad Treasury forecasts that failed to spot the consequences of his policy errors led on to political demise. Those duff forecasts were therefore also material factors behind a sharp rise in the Lawson household's income from non-parliamentary sources, such as directorships in banking and aircraft leasing. His publishing fortunes are also improving. A strong revival of interest in the Lawson autobiography followed a literary mugging in the books pages of The Times. courtesy of Mr Lawson's old opponent, Sir Alan Walters. To most of us, though, fate is far less kind

and much more confusing.

Those who invested in equities on the back of City forecasts 12 months ago could be forgiven if they were in a severe state of shock by midsummer. The more optimistic scribblers had been looking for a 1992 rise of around a third in the broad market measures. Throw in dividends, and total returns north of 35 per cent appeared to be in prospect. These forecasts are entirely within the territory that would and should have encouraged private investors out of capital safe fixed-interest instruments and back into equities. But by mid-year all bets were off, even though most new year assumptions such as the election result and falling interest rates had been borne out. Far from rising, the FT all-share index dropped to a 1992 low point in late August when it was showing a 4 per cent fall on the end-1991 level. However, all's well that ends well. More, it must be

said, by good luck than good judgment, the equity strategists and their followers have fared handsomely in 1992. The broadly measured market is up 18 per cent for a total return of 22 per cent, including dividends, and a quarter higher since August Bank holiday. The good luck that saved the day came in September. It was called Black Wednesday.

conomic recovery (which everyone forecast) failed to appear, but leaving the ERM (which nobody built into his economic model) hastened recovery through lower interest rates and improved competitiveness. If there was a forecaster who recommended equities on the grounds of Britain's ejection from the ERM, he needs a better PR man.

Another year when it was right to be in equities for the wrong reasons was 1991. On both Wall Street and London, shares surged while investors piled in to catch the beginnings of economic recovery. Two years later, we are still awaiting the end of recession. let alone recovery. Yet in 1991 the FT-SE 100 index gained 17 per cent. The bizarre lesson of this Christmas tale is that forecasters sometimes arrive at the right conclusion by an entirely wrong route, or that even when they are hopelesly wrong it may not matter. The worry for investors in 1993 is that share prices have been discounting recovery for two solid years and dimbed mightily in anticipation. What will happen when the economy turns? Nothing much, probably. But that is a forecast, and deserves to be treated like one.

Now is the time to draw battle lines for next war on inflation

Anatole Kaletsky lays

out a strategy for

holding down price inflation in Britain

following the

devaluation of sterling

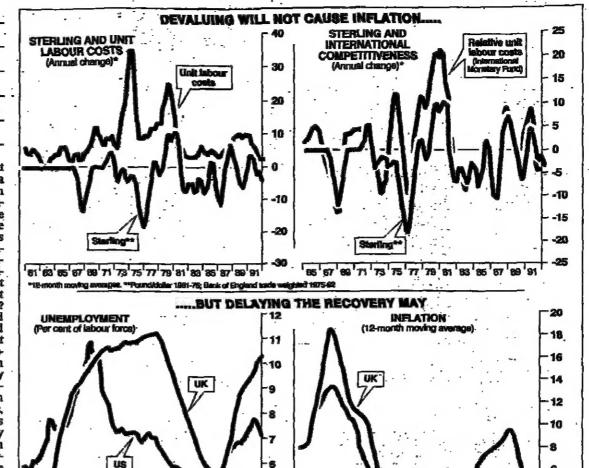
ast week. I argued that Britain was heading for a "twin deficits" crisis - a run on sterling triggered by uncontrollable deficits in both the budget and Britain's foreign trade account. The only way of averting this calamity would be for the government to accelerate growth and encourage exports with a further devaluation of the pound. Now, I must answer the question begged by last week's analysis what about inflation? If the exchange rate is to be used

single-mindedly to boost exports and narrow the current account deficit, it obviously cannot perform the function assigned to it by Nigel Lawson and, until White Wednesday, by Norman Lamont and John Major— as the main instrument of inflation control. This will be no great loss, since the exchange rate has always been an inefficient and economically destructive way of dealing with inflation. History suggests that ster-ling movement has an immediate impact on international competitiveness and exports, but only a slow and indirect effect on inflation. As the first chart shows, any relationship that used to exist between unit labour costs and the pound was broken in the 1980s, probably as a result of trade union reforms. By contrast, sterling's correlation with international com-petitiveness has become ever closer. with every rise and fall in the exchange rate reflected in almost exactly the same increase or decrease in Britain's relative labour costs.

But if the exchange rate is to be used, as it should be, to price British goods into world markets, some other policy is needed for inflation control. Domestic monetary targets, on their own, will not do. They have been tested to destruction in the 1980s, not only in Britain but also in America, Germany and Japan. Sooner or later monetary targets have always given false signals and have had to be overridden even by the most staunchly monetarist institutions such as the Bundesbank. What then is left?

An anti-inflation programme for the 1990s must be built around four elements of policy which the Treasury has studiously ignored since it was tarists 13 years ago. These elements are fiscal activism, long-term saving, supply-side reform and, last but not least, timing. The last element is the most fundamental.

In economic management, as in investment, timing is all. Disinflationary policies must be designed



now, but they must have their main effect from 1995 onwards, when the economy will be growing strongly and late-cycle inflation will be emerging as a serious threat. But until a strong recovery is well under way, the last thing Britain needs is more deflation. This may seem obvious, yet very few politicians, Treasury officials, businessmen or commentators in Britain today seem to understand the importance of timing.

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Suppose the Chancellor were to announce a cut in taxes in the next Budget, to be followed by a sharp increase the year after. He would be accused of dithering. When housebuilders suggested, a few months ago, that mortgage tax relief should be doubled this year, then gradually phased out over the next five years, they were scorned. If Mr Lamont cut interest rates today and then raised them in a few months' time, he would thing now and then the opposite, later, is considered dishonest and absurd: if a policy is good, the government should do it, if it is bad, it should not. Yet what is really absurd

depends on the circumstances. A car driver is not incompetent or indecisive because he uses both the accelerator and the brake. Once this obvious point is accepted, the four essential components for a non-inflationary recovery can be outlined.

itst, the most important single factor in mitigating infla-tionary pressures in Britain is to try to shift the timeprofile of future growth. Recoverymust be accelerated now and slowed down towards the end of the decade -in-sharp contrast to the experience - the government's bedget deficit. To of the 1980s and the political plans being hatched in Conservative Central Office for a pre-election boom in 1995 and 1996. Comparing the experience in Britain and America in the last decade shows why.
When unemployment falls sharply.

inflationary pressures always inthe fall in unemployment and the Sachs using the Treasury's own fiscal upward pressure on prices to come at model, suggest that £20 billion of tax an early stage in the economic cycle, when there is excess industrial capacity and most of the jobless are still is this Manichaean view of economics. Raising taxes or cutting interest rates is neither good nor bad. It later in the cycle, unused factories recovery were fully established, it make the agony even worse.

Chancellor must spell out now a multi-year programme to increase revenues by £10 billion and reduce spending by an equal amount, but he must not implement it until 1994-5 and subsequent years. On the tax side, one obvious measure would fit the bill. Mortgage

tax relief could be phased out over five years, with the initial deflationary impact offset by a temporary increase in relief on new mortgages in 1993-4. This would yield an annual revenue of £5 billion by 1998-9 and help control upward pressure on house prices from 1994 on. But other tax rises will also be required. Ideologically, the government would prefer to extend VAT to food, fuel and other zero-rated items, rather than raising income tax or National Insurance But extending VAT would exacerbate inflationary pressures.

On public spending, the Treasury will have to get far tougher. To get anywhere near the £10 billion saving target would probably require a sweeping reform of state pensions, child benefits and other universal benefits. The main alternative would be much more radical cuts in defence, which still consumes 1 per cent more of GDP than in other European countries, equivalent to £6 billion.

hird, there must be structural reform to encourage savings and discourage excessive borrowing in the next cyclical upswing. More could be done to make saving tax-efficient, for example, by allowing people to roll-up Tessa and PEP allowances from one year to another and by reforming capital gains tax. But most importantly, there must be measures to prevent an excessive build-up of debt when housing revives. What made the last housing boom so damaging was not the rise in house prices, but the increase in mortgage borrowing. While doing everything to revive the market in the short-term, the government should now be preparing steps to discourage borrowing and equity withdrawal when the market takes off. One way would be to abolish stamp duty on bouse purchase and raise the same revenue by a new tax,

or sealing fee, on mortgages instead.
Finally, the government has to take
the supply-side causes of cost push inflation more seriously than it did in the 1980s. There must be much tougher regulation of utility prices, more rational methods of funding public transport, both through market borrowing and property taxes linked directly to transport subsidies. Competition must be promoted more aggressively in businesses ranging from food retailing and car distribution to life assurance and legal services where the cost-plus mentality seems still to prevail.

In all, it is a challenging agenda. John Major was right when he said that defeating inflation was not easy. But simply prolonging recession will

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Turnover in gilts market poses trillion pound question £1.164 trillion which means What does it cost and who pays that? Please, please tell us

From Mr Frank Selby Sir, Today's (December 17) informative if depressing warnings propel to the front of my mind a puzzle I have long tried to solve. In the year ending April 5, 1992, the

that every single pound's worth of gilts changed hands nine times in that one year. innocents! Yours faithfully

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How come? Why? FRANK SELBY, Market? Casino? What is its function in addition to the 47 Dove Park, Hatch End, London gilts turnover was obvious one? Who benefits?

Pension funds group defends stance

From Mr Brian MacMahon Sir. In your Comment (December 18) you refer to the National Association of Pension Funds compensation proposals to the Pension Law Review Committee. These proposals are part of a very full

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submission which addresses all 81 questions raised by the committee, and which proposes a much-strengthened regulatory system to protect members of pension schemes. including minimum solvency standards and greater disclosure to members.

There is no seeking to preserve the status quo as you suggest. The "long hard look in the mirror" has been taken. Yours faithfully.

BRIAN MACMAHON, Chairman, The National Association of Pension Funds.

12-18 Grosvenor Gardens,

How to boost housing

From Mr Anthony Gee Sir, There are thousands of retired British ex-pats who would jump at the chance of owning a UK residential prop-erty for their own occasional use. They cannot do so, however, because of the Inland Revenue's "available accommodation" and "ninety days"

About four years ago these rules were being looked at with a view to amendment, so that Britain would then fall into line with its European neighbours, but for some reason sensible proposals were not implemented.

Perhaps the government should now reconsider the position, with a view to creating a new large and welcome demand for domestic accommodation from this untapped, and at the moment, (because of illogical and irrelevant tax rules) untappable market. Yours faithfully, ANTHONY GEE,

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have been scrapped, and many of the

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ing in the job market. As a result,

inflationary pressures become far more intense. In the last economic

expansion, Britain had its Lawson

boom late in the cycle, in 1987-8;

America had a much bigger boom early in the cycle in 1983-4. Both

booms dramatically reduced unem-

ployment and both were followed by

big devaluations, but Mr Lawson's led to immediate inflation while

Second, there must be control of

have any hope of reducing the deficit

and freeing resources for exports and

investment by the end of the decade,

the Treasury must deliver an eco-

nomic performance at least as strong

as that of the 1980s - growth of some 1.5 per cent next year, followed

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would be required to get public deficits down to 3 per cent of GDP by

President Reagan's did not.

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Taking a gamble

on EC reports AS THE national lottery gets the go-shead, the European Commission has quietly abandoned acting on a report on the gambling industry commissioned from Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, at a cost of £250,000. Martin Bangemann, the internal market commissioner, intended the report to lead to deregulation of the £50 billion industry after numerous com-plaints from the likes of Ladbrokes about state restrictions, particularly in France. "That's a coincidence Now, Bangemann has con-

firmed that lack of co-operation from member states means there will be no change to the status quo. Clive Dennison, managing director of Ladbrokes, Europe, says the company will continue to press for changes through legal action. "It is a political hot potato. The commission will now leave it to the European Court to decide the rules through individual cases." Meanwhile, Coopers has received another contract to produce a report on sponsorship and safety in ten European sports. It is hoped that this report will prove more useful and cost-effective than

Meagre millions

WOMEN'S earning power in America has come a long way, but not far enough for the American Working Woman magazine, which has been bewailing the insignificant millions women earn compared with their male counterparts. Topping the list of the 20 bestpaid corporate women in America is Turi Josefsen.



- I was about to ask you for a loan."

executive vice-president of US Surgical, on a mere \$23.6 million in 1991. Second was Rena Rowan, executive vicepresident of Jones Apparel Group, the design company, who earned \$6 million. Linds Wachner, chairwoman and chief executive officer of Warnaco, received \$3.1 million, while Jill Barad, president and chief operating officer of Mattel, made \$2.4 million. Their pay, the magazine says, seems paltry com-pared with that of the bestpaid men, such as Tony O'Reilly, head of Heinz, who received \$75 million in 1991. The average wage gap be-tween male and female workers also has far to go, the magazine says, with women earning 70 cents for every dol-

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iar earned by men

A SHOP specialising in jet-lag products in the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, claims to have hit on the perfect Christmas gift for travel-fatigued City

is an in-flight comfort kit containing an exercise rug to help circulation, a sinus freshener, an eye compress to soothe redeye, a rehydration gel and mouth rinse. Also popular are two essential oils called Awake and Asleep. A shop spokes-man explains: "If you have just landed from New York. feel tired but have to go straight into a meeting, you would inhale the Awake oil or use it in the bath or shower. It has a 73 per cent efficacy rate." The Awake oil is said to be a firm favourite of eversparkling Richard Branson. Fund managers at Mercury Asset Management, including Peter Stormonth Darling, the ex-chairman and ongoing director, are also proving among the best customers.

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Bad tidings

THERE is no surer way to spoil a child's Christmas week than a bad end-of-term report from school. Emil Morfett, mining analyst at Smith New Court, seems to think a few companies could do with their Christmas being spoilt, too. The witty reports will please the parents of one Arty Zed -"He is once again top of the class", but poor old D. Bears, who has fairly upset the mining community one way and another during 1992, will not be happy with the headningter's final comment after poor grades and bad marks from various teachers. The head concludes: "I am exceedingly disappointed by this report on one who for many terms has been one of our top pupils. It clearly shows how easily marks can slip. Must try harder." Hear, hear!

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BBC1

 6.00 Cestax (41082)
 6.30 BBC Breakfast News begins with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when Nicholas Witchell and Tanya Sillem present news and topical reports with regular business, sport, weather, regional news and travel bulletins (40749334)

9.05 Blood and Honey. The start of an imaginative look at the story of Christmas, written and told in five daily parts by Tony Robinson (4431570) 9.20 The New York Bear Show (f) (5133860) 9.30 Come Midnight Monday, Episode one of a seven-part Australian drama (r) (72599)

10.00 News, regional news and weather (3447808) 10.05 Playdays. For

10.00 News, regional news and weather (3447808) 10.05 Playdays. For the very young (is (9048841) 10.30 Snoopy's Reunion (r) (33112) 11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5347402) 11.05 Film: When Dinoseurs Ruled the Earth (1970) starting Victoria Vatri and Robin Hawdon. Prehistoric fantasy adventure directed by Val Guest (50616334) 12.40 Cartoon Double Bill (11269518) 12.60 Good Morning Advent Columbia (a) 854.562431 12.55 12.50 Good Morning Advent Calendar (s) (65458247) 12.55 Regional News and weather (65455518)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (29570)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceelax) (s) (21886976)
1.50 Film: Carry On — Follow that Carnel (1967) starring Jim Dale, 1.50 Film: Carry On — Follow that Camel (1967) starring Jim Dale, Phil Silvers, Anita Hantis and Peter Butterworth. Comic account of the advertures of a wrongly-disgraced English aristocrat who Joins the Foreign Legion. Directed by Gerald Thomas (4883063) 3.20 Steven Spleiberg's Amazing Stories. A cynical sheriff receives more than he bargained for when he arrests Santa for breaking and entering, (Ceefax) (s) (337792)
3.45 Henry's Cat. Cartoon (r) (6606808) 3.50 Wildburneh. This fast in the wiltriffe series looks at movement in the spirital broadon (n) (e)

the wifelife series looks at movement in the animal kingdom (f) (s) (5985044) 4.05 Gordon T. Gopher (f) (7956537) 4.15 Jimbo and the Jet Set (f) (8789624) 4.20 Watt on Earth. The penultimate episode of the 12-part science fiction comedy thriller (s) (2844353) 4.35 Peter Pan and the Pirates. (Ceefax) (s) (5665179) 4.55 Newstound (3051995) 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) (s) (6501529) 5.35 Neighbours (f). (Ceefax) (s) (660995). Northern Ireland: Inside Uster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax)

Weather (624) 6:30 Regional News Magazines (976), Northern Ireland: Neighbours 6.55 A Hard Road

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 Television's Greatest Christmas Hits. Philip Schofield introduces clips from the 20 most watched Christmas programmes.

fax) (s) (9063) 9.00 Nine O'Clack Ne ws with Michael Buerk. (Ceetan) Regional news and weather (4826)



A nightmere .ruise: Sam Neill and Nicole Kidman (9:30om)

9.30 Film; Dead Calm (1989) starring Sam Neill and Nicole Kidman. Gripping Australian thriller about a couple who take a yachting holiday to recover from the death of their young son and rescue a man from a lifeboat who turns out to be a psychotic killer. Directed

by Philip Noyce (31063)

11.00 Films of the Year with Berry Norman who selects his favourites and introduces a report from the United States on the state of the film industry over there (s) (512524). Wales: Face Off 11.35 Films of

11.45 Film: UHF (1989) starring Weird Al Yankovic. An anarchic comedy parodying American films and television about a young man whose innovative ways of running a television station won by his uncle in a card game earn him success and the unwelcome attentions of a jestoue rival. Directed by Jay Levey (901082). Wales 12.20-1.55 FBm: UHF

1.20am Weather (3328716). Northern Ireland: 1.25-1.30 A Hard Road

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5969044)
8.15 Film: The Falcon's Adventure (1948, b/w) starring Tom Cornway and Madge Meredith. The debonair detective foils an abduction and becomes a prime suspect in a murder case. The first in a Falcon season, directed by William Berke (387334)

9.15 Film: Mr and Mrs Smith (1941, b/w) starring Carole Lombard and

Robert Mantgomery. The Hitchcock season continues with this untypical screwball comedy about a couple who discover that their marriage is invalid after the state boundaries are changed (955044) Animation Now, A behind-the-scenes look at the world of stop-

trame film-making (r) (2370470) 11.00 Mr Benn (r) (2083063)
11.15 Prickly the Hedgehog. John and Simon King's film about a female hedgehog living in the Mendips (r). (Ceeiax) (5608696)
12.10 Ntkolaeva Playa Shoetakovich. The first of a new series in which the Russian planist Tatiana Nikolaeva plays the complete cycle of the 24 Preludes and Fugues (Op 87) by Dmitri Shostakovich. She

begins with numbers one to five (s) (8716599)

12.55 The Lambeth Boys. A two-part follow-up to a documentary made 30 years ago about a group of teenagers who were members of one of London's biggest youth clubs. This is the story of the group's reunion (9072247) 1.55 Christmas Carols. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing sung by the choix

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3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7425402) followed by Songs of Praise from St George's Chapet, Windsor Castle (f). (Ceefax) (9882957) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (6685315) 4.00 International Goff. The Canon shoot out over nine holes at

4.00 International Goff. The Canon shoot out over nine holes at Wentworth between eight top players including Nick Faldo, lan Woosnam, Seve Ballesteros and Sandy Lyle (2044)
5.00 International Showjumping from Olympa (s) (9426709)
5.50 Life with Eliza starring John Sessions. (Ceetax) (125402)
6.00 The Addama Familty (Cw). (Ceetax) (495044)
6.25 DEF II begins with The Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Affluent west coast comedy (509711) 6.50 Dance Energy House Party. Among the guests are Usa Stansfield and 2 Unlimited (s) (657452). Followed by Advent Calendar. (Ceetax)
7.30 Film: The Dark Crystal (1982). An accomplished fantasy adventure from the stable of Muppets creator Jim Herson about a

adventure from the stable of Muppets creator Jim Henson about a young man on a mission to save the world from evil forces. Directed

by Jim Henson and Frank Oz (38886) 9.00 I'm Alright, Jacques. Pete McCarthy takes a wry look at what it means to be British at a time when "Jaderalism" is the buzz word



Miss Pym (Patricia Routledge) meets Jilly Cooper (9.30pm)

9.30 Bookmark: Miss Pym's Day Out. A charming reconstruction of the novelist Berbara Pym's trip to London in November 1977 to attend the Booker Prize ceremony. Starring Patricia Routledge (r) (978226) 10.20 Manipulation. Daniel Greaves' short that won the 1992 Occar for animation (r) (111266)

10.30 Newshight with Sue Cameron (181518)
11.15 Film: Breathless (1983) starring Richard Gere. An unappealing remake of Jean-Luc Godard's 1959 thriller about a petty thief who kills a policeman and seeks the help of a student (Valeria Kaprisky) to assist his escape. Directed by Jim McBride. (Ceefax) (305599)

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9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Animated action adventure (6582150) 9.50 Thames News (9063518)
9.55 Film: The Strongest Man in the World (1975) staring Kurt Russell and Joe Flynn A Walt Disney comedy about two students discoving a formula which, when moved with breakfast cereal, produces super-strength. Directed by Vincent McEveety

11.40 Shuntmesters. A compilation of stunta created for television and

17.40 Standard Standa

 1.00 Home and Away. Australian family drama. (Oracle) (54266)
 1.30 Film: Baby — Secret of the Lost Legend (1985) staming William Katt, Sean Young and Patrick McGoohan. A Disney adventure about a single-minded scientist intent on being the first to discover a living dinosaur. Directed by B.W.L. Norton (25833808)

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3.10 ITN News headlines (7443808) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7443808) 3.15 Thames News headlines (7442179) 3.20 Families. Soep Inlong the north of England with Australia (s) (3353112) 3.50 Dianey Cartoon. The Night Before Christmas (6672841)
4.00 Film; Journey Back To Oz (1971). An animated sequel to the classic fantasy The Wizard of Oz. With the voices of Liza Minnelli, Mickey Rooney. Danny Thomas, Milton Berle and Ethel Merman. Directed by Hal Sutherland (5903570)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (4904845)

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7.00 Wish You Were Here . . ? Judith Chalmers is in the ancient Polish city of Cracow, Anna Walker goes sking in Wyoming and Nick Owen visits the Holy Land (Oracle) (s) (3315)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Ceetax) (228)
8.00 Survival Special: Ring of Fine.

© CHOKCE: What with the BBC's Realms of the Russian Bear and this Matter of Russian search than their

this Nature of Russia series from Anglia, it is a good thing that Russia is such a big place. Otherwise it might be difficult to move for British camera crews. Tonight we are in eastern Siberia, some 5.000 miles east of Moscow and the source of much excell For a start we can feast our eyes on molten rock from one of the many active volcanoes on the Kamchatka pensinsula. We can watch eagles swooping down to catch salmon and drown bears on the same quest, though much more clumsily. There is a warning about saving the forests as the Japanese move into the Russian

about saving the forests as the Japanese move into the Russian logging industry. But the star turn is the Suberian tiger, the world's largest wildcat, strikingly photographed at right with a camera able to "see" in total darkness. (Oracle) (4131)

9.00 Film: Aliens (1986) starring Sigourney Weaver. An exciting sequel to the sci-fi success Alien with Weaver, the sole human survivor from the original film, pluckly returning to the planet that spawned the unearthly creatures. A platoon of mannes goes with her. The special effects worn an Oscar. Directed by James Cameron. (Continues after the news) (Oracle) (8) (4995)

10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather (941334) 10.20 Thames News (108792)

10.30 Film: Allene continued (37247) 10.30 Film: Robbery (1967) starring Stanley Baker and Frank Finlay. Effective thriller about a gang planning to hold up a mail train travelling from Glasgow to London. It was inspired by the Great Train Robbery of 1963 and directed by Peter Yales of Buildt (31562280) 2.10 Film: American Harvest (1987) starring Wayne Rogers. Drama

about family rivalues among itinerant wheat harvesters. Directed by Dick Lowy (280483)

3.50 The Twitight Zone. Two tales of the supernatural — Profile in Silver and Red Snow (1 (78300700)

4.55 Film: Les Misérables (1988), Animaled version of Victor Hugo's classic set in 18th-century France (4938754)

5.55 ITN Morning News (5620445). Ends at 6.00



Survival tactics: Sigourney Weaver, second left (9.00pm)

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7.00cm The Devil and Miss Jones (1941, b/w); A millionaire poses as an employee of his own shop (73315) 9.00 Saboleur (1942, b/w); Robert Cum-

is a comupt painti guard (593792) 12.50ans Checking Out (1989). Juli Darwis

believes that he is dying (578731) 2.30 The Sheltering Sky (1990) John Malliovich and Debra Winger travel to North Africa in the 1940s (598777)

Africa in the 1940s (596777) 5.00 Boy, Did I Get a Wrong Number (1968): Bots Hope rings Elie Sommer (24372261) Ends at 1.40

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CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (15179) 7.00 The Big Breaklast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (42421)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (6575957) 9.25 Laurel and Hardy. Animated adventures of the correc duo (5141889)

9.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series (81911)
10.30 Film: Charille Chapilin Festival (1938, b/w). A compilation of four of his best shorts — The Immigrant, The Adventurer, The Cure and

Easy Street (98131)
12.00 The Cat in the Hat. Animated tale of two boned children (40402) 12.30 Farmous People, Farmous Places. The first of a new quiz series presented by Filteen to One's William G. Stewart (s) (92353)

1.00 Anne of Green Gables The first of a two-part adaptation of L.M. Montgomery's classic story of an orphan girl (Megan Follows) who armives unexpectedly on a Canadian farm (r) (Teletext)

2.55 The Flying Phantoms. A Survival documentary about threatened British barn owls (4380082) 3.25 Transformations. Alchemy examined from its scientific and historical base (3489179)

 4.25 Rhino Christmas. Off-beat comedy fantasy set in suburban Australia (s) (3123088)
 5.00 Teletoon Children's animated magazine (2088) 6.00 The Word - Access All Areas. A behind-the-scenes look at last

Finday's youth magazine (s) (334) 6.30 The Wonder Years Kevin is with his parents when they visit his sister at her college and notes their reaction when they discover she is living with a man (r) (686)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) Weather (266570) 7.50 Comment (475860) 8.00 Brookside. Soop set in suburban Merseyside (Teletext) (s) (7155) 8.30 Desmand's: Cornedy set in and around a south London barber's (Teletext) (s) (9112)



Birds of a feather: flamingos in Ngorongoro crater (9.00pm)

9.00 Crater of the Rain God

 CHOICE Bnofty visited by Michael Palin during his television journey between the Poles, the Ngorongoro crater in Tanzania now gets a deserved programme to itself. This extinct volcano forms a huge natural amphitheatre, some 12 miles wide and enclosed by 2,000 foot high walls. Most of African wildlife is here and director Richard Matthews, who spent two years making the film, has captured it impressively. The mood is set by a big close-up of a lion licking its lips in contemplation of a zebra dinner before hurtling off after its prey. When it comes to naked savagery the hyenas are not far behind. Not for nothing does the commentary observe that few animals die of natural causes. There is more sedate footage of hippos and elephanis and a disquering postscript about the threat posed to Ngorongoro by the growth of tourism. (Taletext) (2537) 10.00 Film: October (1928, b/w).

 CHOICE: When the tenth anniversary of the Russian Revolution loomed in 1927 Sergei Eisenstein was given official backing to celebrate the event on celluloid. The result was not quite what the authorities wanted. For one thing Trotsky had lallen out of lavour and references to him had to be edited out. For another, instead of treating his masters to a stodgy piece of socialist realism, Eisenstein let his imagination take off. The Tsar's statue is dismembered and magically comes together again. The deposed Kerensky is merciessly peroched as a strutting peacock. More to official taste was the climadic scena of the storming of the Winter Palace, although the actual episode was much tarner. This rare

television showing of a silent classic comes with a new recording of Edmond Meisel's original orchestral score (s) (35970599)

12.15em Film: The Devil's Brother (1933, b/w) A Laurel and Hardy opera spoof set in 18th century Italy. Directed by Hal Roach and Charles Rogers (221826). Ends at 1.50

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Word — Access All Areas (5572393) 12.35
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SKY ONE

6.00em The DJ Kat Show (82711537) 8.40 Captain Cavernain (3137150) 8.55 Playebout (4143792) 8.10 Cartoons (7984570) 8.30 The Pyramid Germe (29421) 18.00 Smile It Rich (51082) 19.30 The Boid and the Beautiful (97334) 11.00 The Young and the Restless (89475) 12.00 Falcon Crest (19044) 1.00pm 6 Street, (83782) 1.30 Another World (3321334) 2.20 Sente Barbera (1218599) 2.46 Maude (404315) 3.15 The New Leske it of Beaser (401229) 3.45 The DJ Met Show 2.45 Meutle (404315) 3.15 The New Laive It to Beaver (401228) 3.45 The DJ Kat Show (2191334) 5.00 Suz Traic The Next Generation (2315) 6.00 Reacus (5421) 6.30 E Street (5775) 7.30 All (3044) 7.30 F Smet (5775) 7.30 All (3044) 7.30 F Smet (2957) 8.00 Parier Lewis Can't Lose (2792) 8.30 2000 Melitus Road: Second of a three-part mire series (4989) 10.30 Stude (98083) 11.00 Suz Traic The Next Generation (60841) 12.00 Pages from Skytest

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SKY NEWS

SKY MOVIES+

6.00xm Showcase (4252204)
10.00 The Juzz Singer (1960): Nell Dermond as a centor's son (34353)
12.00 Going Under (1860): Comedy about a nuclear submarine (43886)
2.00pm Withering Heights (1970): Emily Bronie's romantic tragady (73286)
4.00 The Bride in Black (1980): Susan Luca as David Sout's vidow (7247)
6.00 The Time Guardian (1967): Time-trayeliars warn of a polygradiate (53402) traveliers wern of a cyborg attack (53402) 8,90 1 Love You to Death (1990): Tracey Ulimen plots to murder husband Kevin Kline (4274)082) 9.40 UK Top Ton (964150) 10.00 Blue Steel (1990) James Lee Curis 18.00 Blue Steel (1997) Jume Lee Curtis dales sensi (Ner Ron Slever (197334) 11.45 The Mills Hews Eyes Part 2 (1985): Carmbals serotise bike nders (547808) 1.20mm Plat. Cadillac (1989): Bounly hurter Clart Eastwood (racks. Bernadette Peters (76577716) 3.30 Seedia of Tragady (1991): The production and sale of cocaine (40483) 5.00 Abby My Lowe (1999): Sanual abuse haunts a teenager (41725). Ends at 5.50mm.

SKY MOVIES GOLD

4.15pm Inventor of the Body Smitchers (1966, b/w): Kewn McCartly combats an inveible alien force (941976) 5.45 The Chisas Syndrome (1979); Jane Fonds and Michael Douglas report on a ruclear accident (56363792) 8.00 Perfections in a Golden Eye (1967). Morfon Bondo stars as a homoseausi army

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7.00mm Eurobics (31353) 7.30 NPL Review (10860) 8.00 NBA Action (46711) 8.30

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12.00 Songlines (FMI only) 12.30-4.00em Bob Harns (FMI only)

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WORLD SERVICE

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6.01 ASSIGNED

CLASSIC FM

Susannah Smons 2,00pm Lunchtine Concertor: Schumen (Plano Concerto in A) 3,00

Petro: Traiseny 6,00 Classic Reports 7,00 Class Encounters of a Musical Kind 8,00 Classic FM Concerts Berlin PO under Bererborn. Indudes Mozart (Peno Concerto No 25 in C): Schupert (Symphony No 8 in 8 minor) 18,00 Adhan Love 1,00-6,00em André Leon

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RADIO 3

6.55am Westher 7.00 News 7,03 A Bach Album; Bach (Trio Sonata in G, BWV 530); Reincken (Suite No 5 in E minor); Vivaldi (Concerto in D minor, Op 3 No 11); Bach (Keyboard Concerto in D, BWV 972); Marcello (Oboe Concerto in D minor) 8.00 News 8.03 A Bach Album frontit: Tunder

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gambe and continuo); Lubeck
(Wilkommen, süssen
Bräutigem); Bach (Cantata No
36, Schwingt freudig auch
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empor) 9.00 Composer of the Week: Maurica Ravel. La Valse (Orchestre de la Suisse Tomande under Ansarmeti: Jeux d'eau (Robert Casadesus, plano); String Quartet in F (Calvet Quartet) 10.00 Three Great oraries: Bach (Suite

No 1 in C. BWV 1086); Scarlatti (Five Sonatas); Handel (Messiah, Parl 1) Handel (Messier, Fait 1)

12.00 Vintage Years: The

Woodwind of Paris. Robert

Philip introduces recordings by
pupils of flautist Paul Tarifanel

and obolist Georges Gillet 1.00pm News 1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert London Baroque, with Emma London Baroque, with Emms Kiridby, soprano, performe Corelli (Tiro Sonata in G milnor, Op 3 No 11): Handel (Tiru feder) Tiru constante? Tiro Sonata in G milnor, Op 2 No 5; Salve Regina)

2.00 Third Opinion (r)

2.45 Breaking the Ice: A Celebration of Icelandic Culture, BBC Scottish SO under Bernas performs Jon

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engoogr (christmas Music Old and Nordal (Langnasti) Christmas Music Old and New: BBC Singers under Simon Joly, with Margaret Philips, organ, perform Brahms (Manianleder, Op 22): Mathias (Ave Rex, Op 45) The Probentus Organ at 4.30 The Probentus Organ at Kingston: Christopher Herrick plays J.G. Walther (Jesu, maine Freude): J.L. Krebs (Wie schön leuchtet der

Scheidemann (Von Himmel hoch da kommi ich her);
Pachelbel (Ein Feste Burg) (r)

5.00 Verdi Volces

© CHOICE: Roderick
Swanston's series about how different singers have realised Verd's visions, is a first cousin to Radio 3's Saturday moming consumers' guide Building s Library. Verd' Volces, too, is powered wholly by subjective judgment. You cannot prove that Calles's Amelia (Un bailo in maschera) is superior to Learthine Price's or Margaret Price's, or that Gobbi's Rodingo (Don Carlos) knocks spots off Hworostovely's, But trying to prove it certainly makes stimulating listening

6.00 Perahla Plays ... Murray Perahla, plano, plays Beethoven (Sonata in F minor, Op 57, Appessionata; Sonata in E fiet. On Bita, Les Adisus).

Op 57, Appessionata; Sonata in E flat. Op 81a, Les Adieux). First of five recitals
6.48 The Russian Violin School:
In the first of seven
programmes, Bryan Crimp
examines the recorded legacy

7.30 Mary of Egypt: Briten-Pears Chamber Choir; Choristers of Ely Cathedral; Aldeburgh Festival Ensemble under

reserver crises under Lonel Friend perform John Tavener's "moving item" from this year's Aldeburgh Festival. With Patricia Rozano, soprano, to the tree and crises and control to the tree and crises and control to the tree and crises and crises to the tree and crises to the crises in the little role 9.25 The Gothle Imagination:
Murder, in the lirst of three
talks, Philip Dodd explores
how the Gothle has fetishled
the murder of beautiful women

9.45 Moura Lympany, violin, performs Mendeleschin (Verletions sérieuses, Op 54); Chopin (Noctume in B. Op 62 No 1; Elude in A flat, Op 25 No 1; Elude in A flat, Op 25 No 1); Schumenn (Fantasy in C, Op 17) (r)

10.45 Mithing it, presented by Robert Sandal and Mark Russell
11.30 Bundehude: Soloists; Parley of Instruments under Peter Instruments under Petal
Holman; Tiro Sonnerie periorm
Sonate in 8 flat, Op 1 No 4;
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5.85am Shipping Forecast 6.00
News Briefing, Incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today, Incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News 6.45
Business News 6.45
Business News 6.45
Thought for the Day 7.55
Weather 8.35 The Week on 4
8.43 The House at Pooh

8.43 The House at Pooh Corner, by A.A. Milne. Read by Alam Bennett (1/5) (r) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week, with Melvyn Bragg and guests Sir Dirk Bogarde, Anna Somers Cocks, Judy Dempesy and William Shawcross (8)

10.00-10.30 News; Questions of Teste (FM only): Chris Kelly chairs a seasonal edition of the food and drink quiz. With Bob Payton, Oz Clarke, Key Avta and Susan Brooks (s) 10.00 Dally Service (LW only) from St Many's Church, Swansea Peradise Lost (LW only): John Million's poem (34/41)

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11.00 News
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580
4444. Lines open from 10am
12,00 News; You and Yours, with
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1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55
Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Crisp and Even
Brightly, by Alick Rowe. What
is the true story behind Good
King Wenceales? With Timothy
West (s) (r)
2.15 Wallding the Dog: Fargue, a
three-year-old Golden
Retriever, makes a tape
recording of one of his jaunts
in the park
3.30 Conversation Pleas; Sue
MacGregor talks to
Christopher Gable, the artistic
director of the Northam Bellet
Theatre-(s)

RADIO 4

Kajaidoucope reviews Hendel's *Alci*na at the Royal Opera House, and Kenneth Branagh as Hemlet In Adrium Noble's production (s) 4.45 Short Story: On the Left Side, by Michael Carson. The first of five bitter-sweet tales for Christmas is read by Sorcha

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6.30 I'm Sorry I Hawen't a Clue:
Humphray Lyteston chairs the
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 The Food Programme, with
Derek Cooper (r)
7.45 The Mondey Play: Sondal
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Hinkley's 1947 reconstruction,
in book form, of Emily Bronta's
long-lost Gondal chronoles,
Martyn Wade uses as his
building blocks the poems
Emily wrote for the fantastic
saga. The plot, with a powerhungy Island queen (played
tonight by Diane Quick) as its
phyd, is pure Lyceum
melodrama. But Wade keeps
criss-crossing the imaginary

criss-crossing the imaginary island with snepshots of life at illand with stapshots of the at Howarth parsonage until Emily's penny-plain Yorkshine and the tuppenny-coloured Gondel gradually — and plausibly — merge to become Wuthering Heights. Janet Maw plays Emily (s).

9.15 Kateldoscope (s) (f).

9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White (s).

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10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw (s)
10.45 A Book at Beatime: Escape from Siberla, by Leon Trotsky. Andrew Sachs reade the second of five parts, Ahridged by Mark Lodge (s)
11.00 Hancock's Half Hour: Bill and Father Christmas, by Alan Sirnoson and Ray Galton.

sno Faner Christines, by Alan Simpson and Ray Galton. Starring Tony Hancock (r) 11.30 SOS: Maithew Perris teller to Tony Redmond, an accident and emergency consultant (r) 12.00-12.43em News, incl 12.27 Weether 12.33 Shipping 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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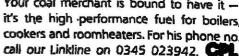
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Ford suppliers told 'cut prices or lose orders'

By Ross TIEMAN INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

FORD Motor Company is stepping up pressure on its suppliers in an effort to restore profitability savaged by recession and declining market share in Britain.

In a letter to suppliers, the company has called for price cuts on components and materials, adding that those who fail to help may no longer be asked to bid as the company cuts the number of suppliers it deals with.

Ford's warning has won little sympathy from some smaller suppliers, who complain that the company is trying to use its market muscle at a time when they, too, are struggling to make ends meet

They are particularly irked that the letter, from Mike Crighton, director of facilities

UNEMPLOYMENT and in-

flation will dimb throughout

next year, while the economy

will only revert to sluggish

growth, according to a leading

economic forecasting group.

Ernst & Young Independent Treasury Economic

Modelling Club (Item) fore-

cast a rise in unemployment to 3.4 million by 1994, as

another 500,000 people join the dole queues. The govern-

ment's determination to keep

underlying inflation below 4

per cent will also be sorely

tested as the devaluation of the

pound will force up import

prices. This will translate into

a higher overall rate of infla-

tion will rise to more than 4

percent by the end of next year

and then to 5 per cent in

Economic growth will be

sluggish at 0.8 per cent in 1993, and will rise to 2.2 per

cent in 1995. The positive

effects of lower interest rates

and stening devaluation are

being cancelled out by the weakness of Britain's largest

Ford has sent a letter warning that it expects to cut back on suppliers and urging them to help the car company by reducing component and material prices

and general supplies, arrives, at a time when Ford is raising its own prices in an effort to rebuild its profit margins. The managing director of one supplier said: "We are already looking at a break-even situa-tion this year, and like everyone else we are looking to reduce costs and labour. Are they going to reduce the price of their Sierras to help our

He said over-powerful buyers posed just as much of a problem for many smaller companies as unhelpful bank

Ford said it was seeking to cut costs wherever possible. although not at the expense of

continental European export

next year, but companies and

households would continue to

cut debts, rather than raise spending. Falls in house prices

have also made it more diffi-

cult for people to take on more

Interest rates may even go up in 1994 because of in-

creased inflation, which Item

expects to remain at around 4

The public sector borrowing

requirement would climb to

£50 billion, 8 per cent of gross

domestic product, by 1993-4.

recovery will make it hard for

the government to cut the

PSBR towards the 3 per cent

of GDP outlined in the Maas-

tricht treaty guidelines for

Item predicts that the gov-

ernment will have to raise

taxes to cut the PSBR suffi-

per cent until 1996-7.

The forecast assumes a cut in interest rates to 6 per cent

Inflation forecast

to climb in 1993

BY OUR ECONOMICS STAFF

"In the coming years we plan to make a significant reduction in our supplier base so that better performers who support us the most will benefit from additional volume... I am sure you will recognise the economic realities now facing our business and will work with us to address

letter invites them to do."

Last week. Ford announced it was cutting a further 10,000 jobs in Europe by the end of 1993. A one-off charge of £266 million to cover the cuts will contribute to a net loss for Ford operations worldwide during 1992, Harold Poling, Ford's chairman, has pre-

Larger Ford suppliers are also expected to play their part in the cost-saving process. However, they tend to work closely with the vehicle assembler in the development of models and feel themselves to be in a more even relationship.

A spokesman for GKN,

which supplies Ford and many other manufacturers with constant velocity joints for transmissions, said: "Our relationship with Ford is much more one of partnership. The pressures on price are always more, the pressures have been very considerable, but we are all in the same cycle. Everyone is looking for the best deal they

can get.
"We are working with them a long time before a car is produced on the development programme. But once the product goes into production they look to us to cut the price as we get better at making it." ciently to meet the Maastricht



Waiting for Santa: if Lord King's USAir bids fails, there is always next Christmas

USAir failure will not deter King from American quest

BY COLIN NARBROUGH AND MARTIN FLETCHER

LORD King, the British Airways chairman, may be disappointed over the prime minister's apparent failure to persuade the Bush administration to approve a BA stake in USAir, but he is unlikely to abandon his search for a partner airline in America.

Bent on plugging the Amer-ican gap in his global strategy for BA, Lord King could make a serious legal challenge to a No" from Washington, as BA has contended throughout that its \$750 million bid for part of USAir was carefully structured so as to comply with US law. Under the deal, BA would obtain only 21 per cent of the voting rights at USAir. Washington's rejection of a BA-USAir alliance looked all but certain yesterday after John Major and President Bush had apparently failed to reach agreement during their Camp David summit.

A senior British official said the BA bid was discussed, but admitted: "I still think one has to be downbear." The issue "certainly has not been retransport secretary, must decide on the BA offer by December 24 when USAir shareholders plan an extraordinary

meeting to consider his ruling. Sir Colin Marshall, the BA chief executive, who last per suaded Canberra to allow BA to take a 25 per cent stake in Qantas, the Australian national carrier, has said if the bid for USAir were refused. BA would have to know the pre-cise grounds before it could formulate a response.

Under pressure from the powerful American airline lobby, Washington has insisted that Britain must open up Heathrow to American carriers before BA can gain access to the American market. Even Bill Clinton, the President elect, said last week that he would like "some corresponding access" for American airlines in Britain if BA was to have significant influence on

USAir policy.
The crucial attraction of USAir for BA is that, while the fourth-largest US carrier, it is primarily a domestic airline. making it an ideal fit for BA's international network.

Hopes grow for * compromise to secure future of Rosyth dockyard

By Wolfgang Münchau

MANAGERS at the Rosyth Naval Dockyard, in Fife, are now cautiously optimistic about the chances of a com-promise deal to secure the survival of the yard and most of its 4,000 jobs. A compromise solution,

which the Ministry of Defence appears to favour at this stage, would allow both Rosyth and the Devonport yard at Plymouth. Devon, its competitor, to continue operating maintenance contracts for the navy. with Rosyth gaining the con-tract for the relitting of the system, and Devonport concentrating on surface repair work. It had been originally proposed to concentrate all work, including that on Tri-dent at Plymouth, and to close down the Scottish yard, situated on the north shore of the Firth of Forth, the biggest deep-water estuary on the east

Closure of the yard would have been a serious blow to the Scottish economy, and there had been estimates that as many as 14,000 jobs in the

region would have to go, including suppliers.

Malcolm Rifkind, defence secretary and a former Secretary of State for Scotland, will not announce an official deci-sion until January, but according to reports in Scottish newspapers, "senior officials" at the Ministry of Defence have indicated that a compromise deal is now the most likely outcome. A spokesman

for Rosyth said yesterday that we are not expecting to get confirmation until the second week in January, but we are confident that the yard will not have to close".

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A spokeswoman for the MoD refused to comment yesterday, other than repeat-ing that a decision was due in

The closure was originally proposed by the Naw Board on cost grounds and has provoked an outcry in Scotland. land. A decision to keep the yard open would be further evidence of the government's U-turn on industrial and regional policy, after the coal mine fiasco earlier this year.

The two naval shipyards have been locked in fierce competition over the maintenance contracts. The scaling down of Britain nuclear submarine fleet has meant poten-tial maintenance cost savings. most notably through the con-centration of maintenance at a single dockyard.

Rosyth has been for the last two decades the sole yard for refitting Polaris nuclear submarines, which are based at Fasiane, Strathclyde.

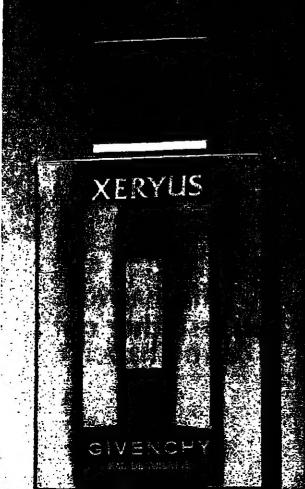
Trident, which replaces Polaris, requires new facilities. The government has already invested heavily on a couple of unfinished dry docks at

compromise plan would still entail job losses at both yards, though sig-nificantly fewer than had Rosyth been closed down.

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Factory pay deals fall to 3.1% average

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE manufacturer in three has imposed a pay freeze on employees, contributing to a sharp fall in the level of pay settlements, according to the Confederation of British

Manufacturing pay settlements fell to an average of 3, i per cent for the three months to end-November, according to provisional figures from the CBI's pay databank. The rise is within a whisker of the 3 per cent increase in inflation, measured by the retail prices index, in the year to November, and 1.1 points lower than the 4.2 per cent provisionally calculated by the CBI for the quarter to end-September. Howard Davies, directorgeneral of the CBI, said the

figures "demonstrate a further marked change for the better in pay and performance behaviour in the summer. Settlements are falling sharply now in manufacturing and services, and productivity momentum is being main-

The rate of pay growth in manufacturing, however, continues to be markedly lower than in service companies. According to the pay databank, awards in service firms averaged 3.7 per cent during the three months to end-September, compared with 4.5 per cent in the three

months ending August and 5.6 per cent during the period to end-November last year. So far this year, the CBI says, manufacturing awards have averaged only 3.4 per cent, with one in six companies imposing a pay freeze of six months to a year.

Manufacturing productivity gains have improved. During the third quarter, productivity improved on average at an annualised rate of 2.7 per cent, compared with 2.1 per

cent during the second

The CBI believes it essential to ensure that pay rises are financed through productivity gains, and that employers do not surrender the improvement in their competitive advantage obtained through the devaulation of sterling by con-ceding higher settlements than they can afford.

Mr Davies said: "If these positive trends can be consolidated across the economy, we will be well positioned to compete effectively in world markets when recovery

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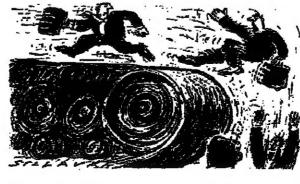
Survey shows death of a sales force

BY PHILIP BASSETT

IT WILL come as no surprise to Willy Loman, but salesmen - and women - have been hardest hit by recession. According to government figures that break down the jobless statistics into sectors, beauticians, police officers, and managers have increased, while sales people have been worst affected. Not so much death of a salesman as death of a

Sales, cierical and machine-operating staff all fared badly. The number em-ployed in selling fell 35,000 over the quarter, or 1.8 per cent, while clerical staff and machine operators fell 6,000 and 24,000 respectively.

The figures support the idea that this downturn is more of a white-collar recession, but suggest that how



between sectors. The government's Labour Force Survey, which breaks down unemployment statistics into occupational and industrial groups, is published every three months. The survey used to be issued annually, but its second quarterly publication last week allows, for the first time, an examination of who is faring best. Best placed are those

working in what the depart-

ment of employment cate-

gorises as "personal and protective services", which includes occupations such as the police and fire services, as well as beauticians and hairdressers. Employment in this group rose 65,000, or 2.7 per cent, between spring and summer this year.

Managers were not far behind. The number of managers and administrators increased by 42,000 (1.1 per cent), while associate professional and technical staff - by 34,000, or 1.6 per cent. Over the previous year, the number of managers rose 75,000, or 2 per cent, while those in personal and other services rose the same amount, 3.3 per cent. By broad industrial group,

farming is, by far, the safest area for employment. While employment in agriculture and energy over the 12 months to April fell about 10 per cent, over the period measured by the two LFS reports, the number employed in farming rose 19,000, or 3.8 per cent. Second to agriculture was

banking, finance and insurance, with a 1.1 per cent increase, or an extra 66,000 people. The LFS figures include second jobs. While the number of people with second jobs is, at 900,000. marginally down the level is higher than the 700,000

WINNING MOVE This position is taken from

the game Larsen - Large, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87. Grandmaster Bent Larsen made a successful appearance in this tournament, finishing equal first. How did he break through black's defences here and made a vital capture? British grandmasters Nunn and Speelman will be among the eight players in the top section at this year's Hastings tournament. Further details

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